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Harder work in 'baccalaureat' plan

A-level pupils will have to sit extra exams

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SIXTH FORMERS are to be made to work harder and to spend more hours in the classroom under a new "baccalaureat" system that could be as demanding as studying for five A levels.

The move, aimed at making sure that scientists can write: good English and linguists can use computers, comes in spite of today's loth successive improvement in A-level grades - an advance viewed with suspicion by employers' groups, which fear standards are being watered down.

Ministers yesterday defended the continued insprovement in the A-level pass rate and congratulated the successful candidates, but told a private summit of teachers with the private summit of teachers with the private summit of teachers. leaders that they were still concerned that British students were not working as hard as their peers overseas and that the current pattern of three A levels left too many 18year-olds too specialised when

they left school. sixth formers attend 32 hours of lessons a week, compared with 18 in Britain; in Singa-pore, most sixth formers take five A levels.

Now the Government has decided that all 16 to 19-yearolds should have at least six hours more tuition a week to cover literacy, numeracy and information technology, on which all pupils will be as-sessed. If these "key skills" do not form part of their A level or vocational qualification, the student will have to take extra examinations to cover them. Changes will be introduced

pressure yesterday by aban-

doning plans to charge course

fees for students taking a gap

In a U-turn which will cost

the Education Department up

to £20 million, the 19,000

students who have applied for

a deferred university place in October 1998 have been ex-empted from the annual

£1,000 tuition fees being intro-

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However, there will be no

duced next year.

year before university.

The Times has set up an interactive online service to help would be students seeking degree course vacancies after today's declaration of Alevel results. It provides searches by course code, category or name as well as by university. Information includes every university's web address. Access The Times Clearing Service on http://www.the-times.co.uk/clearing

from 1999 with the amount of work required of sixth formers increasing year by year until four or five subjects are the norm. Ministers accept that students cannot be forced to take more examinations, but hope that universities will make the three "key skills" part of their basic admission

The meeting at the Department of Education and Emargument resumed over Alevel standards. Today's results will show that 87 per cent of the 300,000 candidates passed their exams — compared with 85.7 per cent last year. Grades also improved so that there will be fewer places in clearing for those who

missed their targets. But the Institute of Management said that employers were increasingly concerned about the value of Britain's gold standard and Ruth Lea of the Institute of Directors said the treated with caution. "A-level

ment's plans to phase out

maintenance grants next year,

which will cost some students

more than £2,000 annually.

And the estimated 50,000 stu-

And the estimated stated stated added to take a gap year but did not apply for their 1998 place with this year's candidates will have to

To qualify for the waiver.

students must have had their

offer of a place by August 1.

Nevertheless, the change of

heart brought some relief to the 19,000 students who in

addition are to receive their A

level results today.

There was also the hint that

officials are considering fur-

ther ways of rewarding those

in the future who spend a year

Education and Employment

Minister, maintained that the

Government had always in-

tended to "consider the pos-

Baroness Blackstone, the

helping a worthwhile cause.

Fees reprieve for

gap-year students

BY DAVID CHARTER

THE Government bowed to exemption from the Govern-

pass rates have been rising ONLINE HELP tignficantly in recent years and yet our surveys suggest businessmen believe standards have been falling."

Lady Blackstone said there was no evidence to support that, adding: "I congratulate all this year's A-level candidates. They have worked extremely hard to achieve these results. Many have done very well and deserve credit."

However, she told teachers' leaders that she still wanted to broaden the field of study. One of those present at the meeting said afterwards: "Ministers want students to work harder. They may not want to, but the nation needs a broader curriculum which means more teaching time in the sixth form. We are talking about a five-subject system — an English baccalaureat. All concerned - schools, colleges, government and employers believe it is essential."

A levels will survive, but as part of an "overarching" sinvanced Diploma that was recommended by Sir Ron Dearing 18 months ago.

Ron McLone, convener elect of the Joint Forum of Examination Boards, said that teenagers would benefit more from wide-ranging study than from concentrating on three, often very similar, subjects. "Commentators estimate that the French baccalaureat is as demanding as five A levels, and in Singapore most candidates take five A levels. Surely British teenagers are as able and hard-working as their Singaporean or French counterparts? Broadening the curriculum can be achieved without abandoning the rig-our, objectivity and consisten-cy of A levels."

Teachers' leaders are already asking where the money will come from for the thousands of extra teachers needed to allow sixth formers to take extra subjects. The Government plans to use Lottery money to improve teachers' skills, and it will launch a consultation paper on the future of qualifications for 16 to 19-year-olds in the autumn.

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ition of gap-year students". you - I didn't even turn up for the exam" Tessa Blackstone, page 18 Leading article, page 19



Hitch-hike Briton shot dead on Israel holiday

By Ross Dunn in Beersheba and Michael Horsnell

A British law graduate was shot dead and his girlfriend seriously wounded after hitching a ride in Israel yesterday. Max Hunter, 22, from Banstead, Surrey, died instantly when a suspected Arab-Israeli driver turned a gun on him and Charlotte Gibb, 20, in the heart of the Negev desert. They were found by passing Israeli coldinal to the state of the state of the Negev desert.

soldiers. Miss Gibb, from Deeping St James, Lincolnshire, who is recovering from a six-hour operation, and has three bullet wounds, said from her hospital bed in Beersheba: "I was in Eilat with my boyfriend — we were hitching a lift to go to a kibbutz in Tiberias and we got into the car. We were both very tired, so for all but five

minutes we both fell asleep. "And the next thing my boyfriend was shaking my leg, saying 'Are you awake?' And the car stopped and we were in the middle of the mountains. It was pitch black everywhere, and the man was looking for

something in the car." A few minutes earlier, she said, her boyfriend and the driver had spoken in Hebrew. Then, without warning, the man opened fire on them. "We were having a cigarette outside the car and then I only saw lots of flashes and he shot us. I think he meant to do it from the beginning."

One bullet fired at Miss

Gibb passed through both cheeks. Other bullet wounds were to her left arm and right hand. Doctors performed plastic surgery to her face. Police officials believe the

attacker may have crossed the

are not optimistic. However,a

resident of the canyon area

told a local radio statio that he

"had hope" although the flood

scene was "pretty horrific".

border into Jordan or Egypt. A manhunt involving more than 200 officers, backed up helicopters, searched the area around Eilat in an attempt to catch the murderer.

The couple started a sixweek holiday on Friday, travelling and working on a kibbutz. They met at the University of Durham where they studied at Grey College. Mr Hunter, a former scholarship pupil at Dulwich College, London, was a recent law graduate who had been expected to go on to Law School. Miss Gibb is a business and economics undergraduate about to start her second year. She had previously worked on

a kibbutz after leaving school. At the family home, the

dead man's mother. Jennifer he had been murdered on the radio when she heard his girlfriend's name mentioned in a news bulletin.

She said: "As soon as Charlotte's name was mentioned ! knew it had to be Max with her. I immediately telephoned my husband and eventually the Foreign Office."

Her husband Norman, a clerical officer with a finance company, said: "We are all devastated. Max was the best son anyone could hope for. He was good at everything - all sports, athletics and he loved music."

He added: "He was a tremendous young man with a Continued on page 2 col 4



Charlotte Gibb after her operation in Beersheba

Building society £600 windfall

About L2 million customers of Birmingham Midshires building society will receive around £600-£650 each after a takeover bid by the Royal Bank of Scotland which should be completed by the second half of next year.

Mortgage borrowers were cheered by the Bank of England's confirming that interest rates are unlikely to move again in the next few months, after four consecutive quarter-point hikes Pages 23, 25, 27

11 lost in Arizona flash flood FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

IN NEW YORK AT LEAST one British hiker is

among 11 people reported missing after a flash flood sent a 10-foot wall of water sweeping through Antelope Canyon in Coconino County, near the town of Page, Arizona. The freak deluge on Tues-day afternoon inundated the

Captain Rex Stermer of the Coconino County Sheriff's Department said that the missing hikers included British. French and Swedish citizens. normally bone-dry canyon in He described Antelope Canyon as a "confluence drainage minutes. Only six of the group of 17 hikers were able to escape area" for Lake Powell, north-

immediately. The rest are west of Page. The "narrows" unaccounted for and rescuers where the hikers disappeared are nearly four-and-a-half

miles upstream from the lake. Poncho Quintane, the guide with the party organised by Trek America, which runs outdoor activities across America, said how the water washed across their path "as if from nowhere". He is being treated for shock and serious injuries at a clinic in Page.

Hazardons country, page 13 | Park.

Rangers lose 3-0 to Gothenburg

Rangers, the Scottish champions, face a tough game at Ibrox after their 3-0 defeat by IFK Gothenburg in the first leg of their European Cup qualifying round

Meanwhile, John Barnes, the Liverpool midfield player. signed a two-year contract with Newcastle United and apologised to West Ham United for having old them he would move to Upton

Free eye and dental checks for pensioners may be restored

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are planning to restore free eye tests and dental checks for Britain's 10 million pensioners to offset a scheme to ask better-off elderly people to pay prescription

The proposal to bring back free check-ups, which the To-ries abandoned in 1989, would cost up to £50 million but would be more than covered by savings of about £100 million from charging pen-sioners with annual incomes of more than £18,000 for

Labour was committed to restoring free check-ups for everyone in 1992 but ditched this pledge before the last election, because it would have cost more than £200 million. But the Government is now seriously considering the less expensive measure of confining the free checks to elderly people, which would cost an estimated £20 million for eye tests and up to £30 million for dental checks. Eye tests cost between E14 to E15 while dental checks cost £4.16.

New Labour has balked at repealing any cost-saving measure introduced by the Tories. But the proposed restoring of free test is designed to defuse opposition over a in to ask some elderly people to pay for prescription charges. This scheme, is emerging as one of the front runners from the Government's

review of health service spending. Although Frank Dobson. the Health Secretary, is resist-ing pressure to extend charges in other areas of the health service, it is understood that he is prepared to consider prescription charges for welloff pensioners, on the ground that they could afford it. It is believed that this would be his bottom line and he would insist that the move was

balanced by the restoration of free eye and dental checks. Last month Mr Dobson and Tony Blair stopped short of ruling out prescription charges for the elderly. When pressed in the Commons the Prime Minister pledged that Labour would do nothing that was inconsistent with the prin-ciple of the NHS or the party's manifesto. But he said that

reports that Labour was con-

sidering making pensioners pay for their prescriptions as completely averblown. Informed sources insist that there would be no question of means testing. Pensioners with an income of less than a certain level would have to tick a box on the back of a prescription form to show their entitlement to free medicine.

NHS prescriptions cost the Exchequer a record £1.3 billion, with more than 80 per cent of people exempt from charges. About half of the bill covers medicines for the elderly. Other groups which are currently exempt include those under 16, and those on income support. Total revenue from prescription charges is only about 5310 million a year.Prescription charges have risen exponentially over the last decade and now stand at £5.65 per item, although the elderly can benefit from repeat prescriptions which are discounted over several months.

The scheme to penalise wealthier pensioners would be widely opposed by groups representing the elderly who have claimed that it would prevent people going to the doctor. In addition pensioners will argue that why should they be singled out when children of millionaires will still be entitled to free medicines. The average income for a married pensioner couple is £12,500 a vear.

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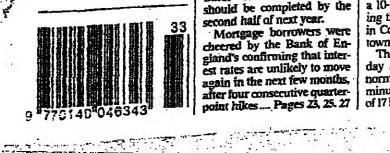
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HIV-positive asylum-seekers win benefits victory

seekers are to have their disability living allowance restored after a High Court victory yesterday for two

Ugandans with HIV. The Government conceded in court that decisions taken during the former Conservative government to stop pay-ing the allowance could not stand. Mr Justice Sedley quashed the decisions against

the two Ugandans. One of the two successful applicants yesterday was a girl aged 8, referred to in court "K", whose mother is also

High Court case opens way for 200 refugees to claim backdated allowance, reports Richard Ford

HIV positive. The girl's elder brother died of an Aids-related She and her family will receive an estimated £3,300 in allowances, backdated to the

middle of February when new curbs on social security benefits for asylum-seekers were introduced by the Tories. The girl arrived with her mother and brother in 1992 and was awarded the disability allow-

ance 12 months later. The other applicant, re-

ferred to as "O". claimed asylum in 1994 and was awarded disability allowance in February 1995 but lost it earlier this year. He was said to be suffering from HIV symptoms and to have disabling wounds sustained in a grenade explosion in Uganda. Other injuries had been in-flicted when he was tortured,

the man said. He is appealing against the decision to refuse asylum but

before the end of next year. Under the regulations introduced in February, asylumseekers are not entitled to benefits if they apply for refugee status after entering the UK or are appealing against a decision to refuse

The Child Poverty Action Group, which with the Immunity Legal Centre supported K and O in their court action, said that those receiving bene-fits before the new rules were introduced had been promised protection, but ministers had reneged on the promise.

Many disabled or terminalill asylom-seekers had been left penniless and had to seek charity help, Carolyn George, of the action group, said.

"Anyone whose benefit was

cut off in similar circumstances should now ask for their benefit to be reinstated,"

Government officials argued that in individual cases

subject to review because the law had changed, even though ministers had promised existing claimants protection from:

the changes. Mr Justice Sedley agreed, with the Government's con-sent, to quash the decisions against K and O. He also granted them a declaration that the 1996 Social Security (Persons from Abroad) Miscel laneous Amendment Regulations did not amount to a

change in circumstances which allowed disability living allowance to be removed from those claiming it before February 5, 1996.

The Department of Social Security said that about 200 other asylum-seekers would have disability allowance restored. A spokesman said: We have conceded the issues at stake in these two individual cases. That does not theaten our underlying policy intention that only genuine asylum-seekers who claim at the port of entry should have

Wembley

sliding

roof plan

scrapped

BY JOHN GOODBODY SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WEMBLEY has abandoned

plans for a sliding roof, which

ould have made the new

£240 million national stadium

the most futuristic in Europe.

The decision is the latest setback in the redevelopment

of the celebrated venue in

northwest London, the centre-

piece of bids to stage the 2006

stadium over Manchester last

December, delays over the

setting up of the financing

have meant that work will not

start until at least May 1999. This has cost Britain the chance of staging the World Athletics Championships in

A spokeswoman for the

English Sports Council, which

is co-ordinating the financing

package, said yesterday: "It has been decided not to have a

retractable roof and there will

be no provision to create one.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Field 'not breaking pledge' on pensions

Frank Field, the Social Security Minister, defended the Government yesterday against accusations that it had broken a pre-election pledge to war pensioners. The Royal British Legion says that Labour promised two years ago to review the arrangement that allows local authorities to take into account a person's war pension when they assess eligibility for means-tested

The Department of Social Security says now that there are no plans for such a review. Mr Field said there had been no U-turn, and that it was up to local authorities to change their policies. Labour said for two years it would stick to the spending limits it inherited.

Trawler cheats

The owners of a Spanishcrewed trawler were fined £22,500 and forfeited an excess catch worth E12.450, for catching more than four times her quota of the monkfish 220 miles southwest of Land's End. The Pembroke is owned by Bellbeat, of Truro, but based in northern Spain.

World Cup and possibly the 2008 Olympic Games. Since Wembley received the TB from abroad nomination for the national

immigrants from Africa account for a high proportion of tuberculosis cases in Britain. according to the Public Health Laboratory Service. Half the 6,000 cases of TB detected every year occur in propie born abroad, either in Africa or Asia. HIV infection is linked to the rise in TB.

Priest given visa

One of six Roman Catholic priests refused entry to Britain to provide holiday relief cover in Shrewbury and Westminster dioceses was understood to be on his way here after being granted a visa by the British Embassy in Brussels. The move came after an intervention by John Prescott.

Abuse inquiry

A child sex abuse investigaformer inmates of local authority homes over 20 years has been launched by Northumbria Police. Two men working in homes were suspended in June after a former resident of a Newcastle home talked to a social worker.

Mother sues

A mother is to sue Aberdeen and Edinburgh Royal Infirmaries over her daughter. who died of liver failure after experimenting with Eestasy. Carolann Paul originally claimed that Michelle, 15, was refused a transplant on moral grounds, but this was rejected by a fatal accident inquiry.

The comedian Vic Reeves has him after an allegation by Stephen Petters that he needed eight stitches after a con-

wrong mamber.

Mowlam hails TV debate as a sign of Ulster progress

BY MARTIN FLETCHER CHIEF IRELAND

THE Government yesterday hailed the heated televised debate between Unionist and Sinn Fein leaders on Tuesday night as a sign that the Ulster Unionist Party would attend next month's peace negotia-

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said she hoped Ken Maginnis's decision to debate with Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein on Newsnight was "an indicator that by September 15 we will be in inclusive talks with all the parties around the table".

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, said that the real significance of the live debate the two parties first on British television — was that it had taken place at all. He urged Unionists "not to be inthe corridor or another room but to be as Ken Maginnis was last night with Martin McGuinness, across the table arguing their point of view". But Mr Maginnis said yesterday that the debate would make it harder for Dr Mowlam to invite Sinn Fein to the talks, because he had exposed it as a party still wedded to

guns to achieve its ends. "As far as sitting down with the IRA ... I don't see that coming about," the Fermanagh MP said. "I simply can't see any beginning, any opening, in terms of the attitude of the IRA and hence it would be

scenes at Tuesday night's debate was even frostier than on camera. Ken Maginnis not only refused Martin McGuinness's public invitation to join him in a side room "to discuss your fears and mine"; the Unionist MP would not even exchange smalltalk with his Sinn Fein counterpart. The two foes did not greet each other when they arrived. For ten minutes before the debate began they sat side by side saying nothing. Neither was there any

handshake when the de-

bate ended.

futile exercise." Mr Maginnis used the debate to label Mr McGuinness the IRA's "godfather of godfa-thers", blame him directly for hundreds of IRA killings, and to open a new front against Sinn Fein. He repeatedly pressed Mr McGuinness to accept the principle of consent whereby any change in Northern Ireland's status would require majority support

among Ulster's people. Mr McGuinness countered that no one had asked for the nationalists' consent before locking them into "a sectarian and bigoted state in the North". He insisted that "we need the consent of everybody" for any new settlement - meaning all the people of Ireland. "If we can't get past the first

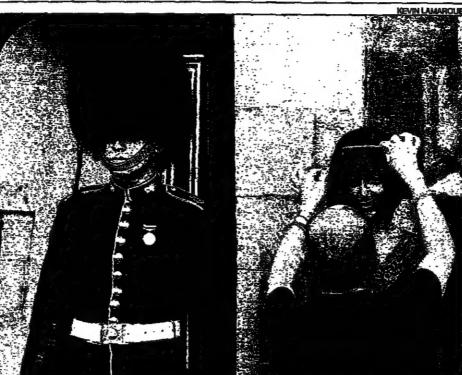
pretending that you can redeem the men of violence, that the IRA can ... become a democratically acceptable organi-sation?", asked Mr Maginnis.

Ian Paisley, leader of the rival Democratic Unionist Party, said that if Mr Maginnis really believed that Mr McGuinness was the IRA's "godfather of godfa-thers" he should not even think of negotiating with him.

Who "won" the debate was a matter of opinion. Mr Maginnis clearly riled Mr McGuinness by raising his terrorist connections, but Mr McGuinness scored points by arguing for an end to all recriminations. "All of us have suffered, and all of us have inflicted suffering," he said.

The Irish Government meanwhile provoked more

Unionist anger yesterday by resuming its practice of releasing IRA prisoners early in response to the new ceasefire. Gerard Burke, who was serving four years for robbery at Portlaoise high-security prison, and Thomas Flynn. serving six months for assault, were the first IRA prisoners freed since the last ceasefire ended with the Canary Wharf bomb in February 1996. Dr Mowlam suggested the British Government might follow suit later if the ceasefire holds.



Fringe attraction: the Guards regiments adopted the bearskin after Waterloo

Guards prepare to defend hairy honour of regiment

By LIN JENRINS

GUARDS regiments mounted a rearguard action yestertraditional bearskin.

While the Army has been asked by the Government to look again into the possibility of suitable synthetic alternatives, it maintains that no substitute has yet been found that compares.

Lord Gilbert, defence minister with animal-lover credentials, believes it should not At the Maze prison, south of be beyond the skills of modem science to produce an Belfast two dozen members of adequate substitute. Bearthe Loyalist Volunteer Force skins come from the Canadiwent on the rampage to proan black bear, which according to the Army, has to be culled to ensure its survival.

Guards regiments insist that fakes have led only to sartorial disaster during ceremonial duties with "fur" becoming either matted and flat or frizzy and bouffant.

General Sir Willie Rous, Colonel of the Coldstream Guards, said: "I am not sure exactly what the problem is. The bearskin is available and the animals are not endangered, indeed they are called. The bearskin is genuine and it is traditional. It also lasts a very, very long time. I wear one I got through my family. One officer I know has one

that is at least 100 years old." But General Rous stressed that the Guards was always open to suggestions".
The Ministry of Defence

said that Lord Gilbert, whose wife Jean is a member of the fund-raising committee of the Worldwide Fund for Nature, was well known for his interest in animal welfare and had asked for an explanation of the "rationale" behind the bearskin.

The bearskin is worn as a battle honour, having been adopted after the deleat of Napolean at Waterloo in 1815. His imperial guard had worn skins and the victorious regiments took them up.

tourists should not go there -

we just urge them to take sensible precautions when

they arrive."
The Israeli Embassy in

London said that apart from a

Although a covered venue would allow indoor events to

be held in the 80,000-seater stadium, she explained that the experience of the Dutch club Ajax had caused the idea to be abandoned. In August 1996 Ajax opened Europe's most advanced afena; but the retractable, roof, has led to problems with the surface of the grass pitch.

About half of the funding will come from the National Lottery and the remainder will be raised privately.

McMaster family Tourists warned to avoid flashpoints talk to inquiry

By Dominic Kennedy and Gillian Bowditch

THE elderly parents of the days. Some local politicians MP Gordon McMaster have given evidence to the Labour Party inquiry into his suicide. William and Alison McMaster met the Chief Whip, Nick Brown, to discuss the contents of their son's suicide note, which spoke of a smear campaign and named the MP Tommy Graham and the Labour peer Lord Dixon. The two men have denied smearing Mr McMaster, who was MP for Paisley South.

Today his closest political ally, Irene Adams, MP for Paisley North, will collect affidavits from local politicians. A firm of Paisley solicitors will be at her constituency centre office this afternoon to witness the oaths. She is expecting to hand

over more than 20 affadavits to the inquiry in the next few

have chosen to swear their affadavits in the secrecy of their own homes, in the presence of Justices of the Peace.

Mrs Adams is determined that the death of her close friend will force the National Labour Party to rid Paisley of a minority which, she and her allies say, has caused a poisonous atmosphere. Mr Brown is believed to be

speaking mainly to MPs. In addition to Mrs Adams and Mr Graham, Mr Brown has taken evidence from Norman Godman, MP for Greenock and Inverciyde, who also claims he was smeared. The Chief Whip is also talking to senior officers of the Scottish Labour Party, which has conducted two previous inquiries into local party politics in

test at their conditions.

BRITISH tourists planning to visit Israel were last night warned by the Foreign Office to be extremely careful and avoid the occupied areas.

More than 216,000 Britons go to Israel each year, many of them young people drawn by the romantic image of life on one of the country's 250 kibbutzim. The network of cooperative settlements, developed at the start of the century by socialist Zionists, exerts a strong pull on foreign volunteers.

The original vision of a kibbutz, with work and property shared out equally for the good of the community, reached its peak in the 1960s. More recently, the settlements have become popular with young people eager to travel before they start work or

university.

Many backpack around the country: the two Britons shot-

the beach resort of Eilat to the areas, taking their passport settlement of Mitzpe Ramon. The Foreign Office said last night that while both areas were fairly safe, travellers

exposed themselves to unnecessary risk on journeys by accepting lifts from strangers. "We are advising people going to Israel to be extremely careful, avoiding the occupied

a spokesman said.
"This shooting seems to

have been a straightforward criminal act, which could have. happened almost anywhere. They are just as likely to occur in Los Angeles or Florida, and

with them at all times and,

where possible, travelling by

taxi or their own private car,"

couple of carefully-monitored flashpoint areas, the country was a safe holiday destination.

Continued from page 1 great future ahead of him. The holiday was an opportunity for him to go away and think about what he wanted to do. The man must have been a terrorist or something. There was no reason to choose two students because they would

have had no money."

He added: "Max was loved by everyone and the only thing we can hope is that Charlotte will be all right and they catch

Briton shot dead in Israel lovely girl, beautiful and charming and she had Max

under control." Mr Hunter was due to be best man at his sister Vanessa's wedding later this year. His body is due to be flown home today. Last night David Gibb, a

chartered surveyor, and his wife Jennifer, were driven by police to Heathrow for a flight to Israel to be reunited with their daughter.

their behalf. Chief Inspector David Goodwin said: "Charlotte rang her home on Sunday to confirm she was well and was moving to Eilat ... her parents have spoken to the hospital. Staff have described

her as being trebly lucky."
The Foreign Office said it remained uncertain whether itwas a terrorist or criminal attack. It was the second attack on

British tourists in the country

we do not say that British to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip is being very tightly controlled, and visitors are very strongly discouraged from trying to go there. Else-where, normal rules apply. This shooting was clearly an isolated incident, and in no way related to the political situation.

"The stupidity of hitch hiking is something that concerns many governments. It was a silly thing for these two to have done, entering a strang-er's car in the Negev desert in the middle of the night, and supports the argument for making hitch-hiking illegal, as some countries have done. In the meantime, we urge travellers to take care when accept-Ten British teenagers were

injured last month in Jaffa, after an Arab-Israeli man drove his car into their school group. The Israeli authorities do not believe they were targeted because of their

arm as vis

Just dessert

been questioned by police about an alleged attack on a photographer with rice pud-ding. Kent Police questioned frontation with Mr Reeves at his home in Ashford, Kent.

Inconvenient call A public lavatory and a drinks

machine were among those named by BT as making nuisance calls last year. While the number of malicious calls from people is declining, there were more complaints about faulty machines trying to report maifunctions to the

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Princess jumps queue for the crystal ball break Emma Wilkins traces events that

led Diana and Dodi Fayed to fly

north for a glimpse into their future

DIANA, Princess of Wales, introduced Dodi Fayed, her new companion, to her favournew companions after jumping an 18-month waiting list for appointments.

Rita Rogers, a former gypsy who lives near Chesterfield in Derbyshire, is booked up until early 1999 for consultations at £80 an hour.

The self-styled "priestess" of spiritualism felt able to make an exception for the Princess, who arrived at Mrs Rogers's house in a Harrods helicopter with Mr Fayed late on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Rogers, 51, who claims

to have inherited her gifts from her Romany grandmother, was first introduced to the Princess five years ago by another royal client — the Duchess of York. She is said to have told the Duchess that she would marry John F. Kennedy Jr and become First Lady of America. The Duchess was so impressed that she urged the Princess to see her.

The Duchess has also consulted a Greek-born clairvoyant called Madame Vasso; who asks clients to sit under a blue plastic pyramid while she considers their energy levels. Madame Vasso, who taperecorded telephone conversations with the Duchess, later wrote a book about their consultations and was widely condemned for her indis-

It is understood that the Princess was keen to consult the spirit world about her friendship with Mr Fayed. However, her office at Kensington Palace declined to comment on the visit.

The Princess and Mr Fayed made the 250-mile round trip after taking off from Battersea helipad in southwest London. The helicopter landed in a field behind Mrs Rogers's house in the village of Lower Pilsley, where a group of schoolchildren quickly spotted the commotion and took photographs which appeared in yesterday's Mirror.

A spokesman for the Knightsbridge department store confirmed that the helicopter in the photographs belonged to Harrods. "It's one of our belicopters, but; I can't was on it." According to villagers, the landing site had been marked out by two white lines for several days before the Princess's arrival After the 90 minute consultation, the pair left in the helicopterthe Princess trying to avoid being photographed by hiding

Emma Radford, 11, said she spotted the Princess and raced home to fetch her camera. "When we came back, she was getting fato the helicopter. I saw the man with her and it was her boyfriend I've seen him in the papers.

"Di got very cross with us and started shouting to us to go away. We were trying to scramble over barbed wire to try and get nearer and get a better picture. We were about 30ft away when we took the picture and then they got in the helicopter and left."

It is understood that Emma's family received £3,000 for the photographs and that they will go on holiday on the proceeds. Mrs Rogers, who claims to

be able to contact the spirits of dead children, has been consulted by parents of young victims of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster. She also claims to be able to see the future, through a Romany crystal ball said to be several hundred years old. Mrs Rogers makes no men-

tion of her royal clients in her coming biography, titled From One World To Another, and will not be giving interviews on the subject, according to Robert Kirby, her literary agent. Should she



Entires sold pictures



change her mind, her account

of royal confidences could

fetch £250,000, according to

"I am a bit of a cynic but I

am utterly impressed by Rita," Mr Kirby said. "She has never

spoken to me about the Prin-

cess and she certainly won't be

making any public statement

His client clearly failed to

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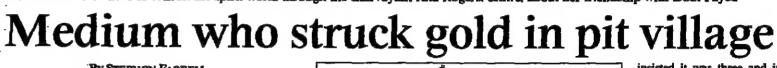
health therapies. She is said to have consulted Mrs Rogers

before agreeing to give her

now infamous Panorama in-



Diana, Princess of Wales, was said to be keen to consult the spirit world through the clairvoyant Rita Rogers, centre, about her friendship with Dodi Fayed



. By Stephen Farrell

TALES of crystal balls being produced in pubs and psychic encounters in the Miners' Welfare Club yesterday domi-nated the former pit village where Rita Rogers receives

foresee the intense press inter-est in her the Princess's visit flying visits from royalty.

Lower Pilsley in Derbyshire is an unlikely venue for aroused, and she spent a miserable day inside her a medium to set up business, house, which was surrounded but locals have accepted the raven-haired, gold-earringed Mrs Rogers, despite the fact by reporters. "She is utterly depressed. She's going to sit it that she is rarely glimpsed. Opinion is, however, divided The Princess's interest in spiritualism dates from the on her dairvoyancy, except mid 1980s when her marriage that it makes her a lot of to the Prince of Wales began to money, judging by the stream falter. Over the years she has of smart cars arriving at her

etached redbrick home. Few locals can afford her e, which has risen from about £10 an hour when she first arrived in the area to about £80. One, however, swears by her. Colin Brailsford, 47, a sand plant opera-

visits II years after getting in a right state" over the loss of his father and business within a short period of time. She persuaded him to quit as a steward at the Pilsley Miners' Welfare Club where he first

"I had never seen her before. I went up to her and she just turned and said, 'Is it you that wanted my help in here?" Mr Brailsford said. "It was amazing she knew things she could never have found out about me. She took my dad's ring off my finger and said, This is the man who sent me to have a word with

He was told to leave the club because he had an aura of negativity and should return to being a baker. If he did so, she claimed, he would never be unemployed again, but if he did not he would



Rita Rogers's home, where she has received royalty

messages from dead relatives

and friends. "The most amaz-

ing thing was one night in

The Star pub. She came in

and put a crystal ball on the table, he said. My mate

picked it up and it sparkled

like nothing. She told him he

got three children. He

Brailsford said the prophecies came true. "I'm a very big believer. I would take more notice of her than I would a

He brought fellow welfare club members for a group session in which she talked to them individually in the front

miscarriage."

sad memories of the only time, driven by desperation after being told her four-yearold son was terminally ill with cancer, to seek Mrs Rogers's advice. Helen Priest, 37, landlady of The Commercial Inn. told how Mrs Rogers assured her in 1990 that her son Matthew would not die of a rare neuroblastoma, but less than 18 months later he was "She said, 'No one on either

fact his wife had had a

However, one villager has

side of your family is going to die in the next five years.' My mother died soon afterwards. I'm not prepared to say that she doesn't help people. If she believes that she's helping people and those people believe that she is helping them, then that's got to be for the good. But she was wrong about something that was

Alarm as visitor attempts palace coo

By Alan Hamilton

MEMBERS of the Royal Household have been in something of a flap on discovering a visitor touring the state apartments of Buckingham Palace without having paid the £9 admission charge. The palace had closed for the night on

Monday, and cleaners were at work, of the day's 7,000 paying customers when a pigeon flew through an open window of the Blue Drawing Room.

By now, all the windows had been Having taken a brief look at John Nash's magnificent Regency interior decoration, it continued its tour into the adjoining State Dining Room, which appeared to be more to its liking, as it perched on an . ornate comice near the ceiling.

The staff tried to coax it down with food,

pigeons do, they abandoned their efforts, closed the windows, and left it there for

the night among all the fine paintwork under Nash's intricate ceiling. On Tuesday, it had not moved far. Then it decided to move on to the East Gallery. where it remained all afternoon as some

reopened to air the apartments on a particularly hot day, but it still showed no sign of leaving. Coincidentally, it had not yet reached some of the highlights of the

Eventually it tired of the East Gallery, and flew on to the Silk Tapestry Room, then the Picture Gallery, and finally

excitement would cause it to do what completed its visit with a quick circuit of the Throne Room. Only then did it leave,

through another open window.

The Palace opened last Friday for its fifth annual, eight-week season. Tuned tickets have until now successfully discouraged queue jumpers, and officials have not experienced such a flying visitor

Officials of the Royal Collection, which manages the annual public opening, were reluctant to discuss in detail whether the visitor had left the customary trail of evidence, but they admitted to finding one or two small deposits.

"It dropped in for a flying visit, and left on a wing and a prayer," said Dickie Arbiter, the Royal Collection spokesman. "It did not do any damage."

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US court rules Imran is father of love child

IN LOS ANGELES

A LOS ANGELES judge has declared imran Khan, the Pakistani cricketer turned politician, to be the legal father of an illegitimate child conceived during an affair with Seta

Ms White, a yoga teacher who lives in Beverly Hills, and whose father was the tycoon Lord White of Hull, publicly claimed that Mr Khan was her daughter's father while he was fighting to become Paki-stan's Prime Minister in January's election. Mr Khan denied the claim. In Pakistan no one who admits to being the parent of an illegitimate child may run for public office.

Mr Khan, who was heavily defeated in the election, was vesterday declared to be the lather of four-year-old Tyrian-Jade White by default after he had refused to take a blood test



Seta White and Imran Khan: her allegations came to light while he was running in the Pakistani election

lives with his wife, Jemima, daughter of the late Sir James

Ms Allred added: "Mr Khan should recognise that no game of politics is more important than his little daughter. I issue a challenge to him

Ms White claims that her daughter was conceived in October 1991 when, she says, an affair that had taken place with Mr Khan between 1987

it was alleged that, on hearing that an ultrasound test during Ms White's pregnancy had shown that she was expecting a girl. Mr Khan was upset and urged her to have an abortion, saying the child would not be able to play

have an abortion and has kept Mr Khan informed of her daughter's progress since her birth, including sending him pictures of her. He has never

seen Tyrian-Jade. "He's been making excuses since January." Ms White said yesterday. displaying the judge's signed papers for photographers. "But now the truth is out."

Ms White has not yet sued Mr Khan for child support payments in the United States, but plans to do so in London as part of a similar paternity lawsuit which is expected to reach a conclusion next

. Ms Allred had the final word yesterday saying: "It is not cricket for a father to deny his child in order to gain a

Eubank fined for careless driving

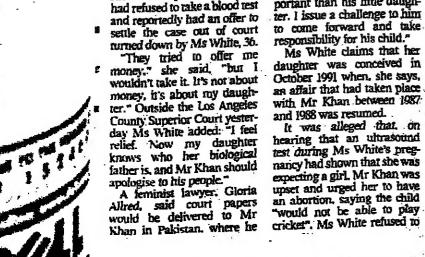
BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE former world boxing champion Chris Eubank was ordered to pay almost £1,000 careless driving after scattering pedestrians on a pelican crossing as he sped through narrow streets blaring the horn of his Range Rover.

Dawn Walmsley, for the prosecution, told magistrates at Brighton that Eubank ap-peared at high speed over the brow of a hill close to the railway station. "He drove on to the wrong side of the road, overtaking stationary vehicles approaching the red light at a pelican crossing," said Ms Walmsley. "He caused pedesmans to take action to avoid

being struck." She said Eubank, of Hove East Sussex, forced a BMW turning right to pull into the middle of the road to avoid a collision. Its driver then followed Eubank's car to the railway station, where the boxer leaped out and dashed inside, leaving both his front doors wide open.

Eubank told the court that he had not been in a hurry. "I have never driven like that," he said. But Ms Walmsley reminded him of his earlier conviction for careless driving after he knocked down and killed a roadside workman. His licence also endorsed with six penalty points.





Royal Court appoints unknown as director

Dalya Alberge reports on a much-coveted post in the theatre world

THE next artistic director of the Royal Court Theatre in London, renowned for making waves in the arts world and as a theatrical seedbed, is to be Ian Rickson, 33, a little-known associate director there since

He will succeed the much acclaimed Stephen Daldry, who was appointed in 1991. Rickson takes up the job next month and will work alongside Daldry until the company returns to its refurbished Sloane Square home in the

autumn of next year.

His directing credits for the company include Jez Butterworth's Mojo. a play about clubland gangsters, which won him Olivier awards and the Most Promising Newconter in the Evening Standard awards of 1995.

One critic noted that "his productions are tight and bright, always well acted and stylish, sometimes to a fault". Another, reviewing Mojo, noted how "he pushes no particular view or technique, but thoughtfully and sensitively

serves the mood of whatever piece he works on". He has also worked at the Gate at Notting Hill and the Chichester Festival Theatre. Rickson will be directing Kevin Elyot's new play, The Day I Stood Still, for the Royal National

Theatre next January.

Daldry, who stepped down to pursue a film-making career with Working Title, the



Rickson: he succeeds Stephen Daldry

production company that made Four Weddings and a Funeral, is staying on to oversee the £25 million redevelopment of the Sloane Square building. He recruited Rickson from the company's youth theatre.

Acknowledging that Rick-son was not a household name, he said: "But that's what they said about me. I was 31 when I came to this job. He is one of the most exciting young directors currently around. He's totally charming, very strong-willed, strong

but not aggressive."
He added: "I have enjoyed working alongside lan for five years and am totally confident he will carry the huge contribution he has already made to the Royal Court into his new role. I'm delighted, partly because I feel he's been verymuch developed by the Royal Court. Without doubt, he's done some of our major successes of the last five years." Apart from directing, Rickson has been active in

management in the past two

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years. "Within the organis-ation, he's grown from strength to strength." said Daldry, who was not on the interviewing panel. "There was no doubt from the board's point of view that he was the man for the job. Senior figures were on that list. That's why it's a very courageous choice by the board to take. "Rickson impressed the board with his passionate vision"

John Mortimer, chairman of the Royal Court, described Rickson as "one of this country's most brilliant and excitng young directors". Rickson was born in South

London to what he has described as "an aspiring working-class family". He was 15 before he saw his first play, The Caretaker with Max Wall. At Essex University, he was inspired by Edward Bond, the writer-in-residence, and later worked with him as an actor. His work as a director has been mainly in new writing with companies such as Paines Plough and the King's Head Theatre.



One of eight osprey chicks brought to Rutland Water from Scotland last month, which have now taken to the air over the reservoir. No pair has nested in England for at least 150 years but it is hoped that other osprey released at Rutland last year, and which migrated south, will return next year and breed

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Camelot loses second director within a month

By CAROL MIDGLEY

crisis yesterday after the sec-ond director this month announced his resignation.

Jon Kinsey, Camelot's director of marketing, was responsible for promoting Instants scratchcards, sales of which have fallen from a peak of £44.4 million to £14 million. His decision to leave comes

eight days after David Rigg, Camelot's director of communications, who was criticised in the recent "fat cat" pay row, also resigned suddenly. Mr Kinsey is to become marketing and strategy director at British Gas Trading. wo more seni

department at Camelot who do not sit on the board are also expected to leave in the next few weeks. The delay in their departure will enable them to pick up five-figure bonuses. Neil Dickens, the company's head of security who was investigating the leak of documents outlining the directors' pay, will also retire this year, but keep a part-time

Another major board direc-tor. Norman Hawkins, retired last year, picking up payments of £313,000. Sir Ron Dearing stood down as chairman due to ill health. Yesterday Carne-

CAMELOT was facing a fresh lot denied a crisis in its

Mr Kinsey recently de-fended Camelot's image, claiming the public had not gone sour on the National Lottery. People have never been more in love with the lottery, he said. It hasn't gone sour and is still the biggest impulse brand in the UK. Our overall sales are ahead of where we said they

would be at this stage." Last week it was reported that Camelot is so concerned about its public image that it is considering changing its name. Executives are believed Want to give it a less corporate feel. Louise White. Camelor's head of public af-

fairs, told a specialist magazine there was "a hell of a lot to do in bringing a human face to Camelot".

CORRECTION

feature on the Keswick family yesterday (page 27) included a photograph of Jon-athan Powell, head of drama and co-productions at Carlton Television, in mistake for Jonathan Powell, Tony Blair's chief of staff.

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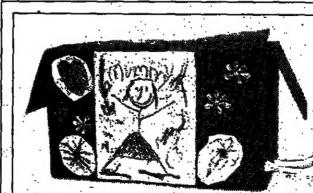
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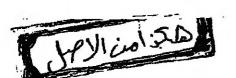
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'Good guy' Biggs plans final hold-up

Biggs, who hobbles wearily around his modest home in Rio de Janeiro with a broken knee, looks more like a careworn grandfather than a crook who took part in the Great Train Robbery.

"I don't want to die in prison. I am a tired old man. near the end of my days," Biggs, 68, said, on hearing about the signing of a formal extradition treaty with Brazil.

The agreement came into effect yesterday after an exchange of documents between Keith Haskell, the Ambassador to Brazil, and Foreign Ministry officials in Brasilia It allows Britain to request the extradition of its most infamous fugitive to serve the outstanding 29 years of his 30year sentence.

But fresh doubts have arisen about whether the treaty will help. Although he said he is "ready to throw the towel in" and surrender amicably, his lawyers have already indicated they will appeal against the

extradition. They will try to use a statute of limitations, a Brazilian law which annuls punishment if a criminal succeeds in avoiding the authorities for more than 15 years. Biggs's lawyers also plan to appeal on the grounds that the same crime, committed in Brazil, would have resulted in a lesser sentence.

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Supreme Court authorities who will study a possible extradition request have not ruled out handing Biggs over



Lawyers aim to foil Home Office plans to apply for the robber's extradition in the next few days, reports Gabriella Gamini

he took part in one of the crimes of the century, and

bagged a share of £2.6 million

(estimated to be worth £35 mil-

the robbery. "The train driv-

er's death lies heavily on my

conscience. There is not one

day that goes by when I don't think about it," he said.

recluse far away from my

country and have had ample

time to reflect on my wrong-

But I have lived a life of a

lion today) in August 1963.

to British authorities, but whatever the outcome, they are likely to take months to decide. Meanwhile, Biggs will make the most of fact that he has been a good citizen since he took refuge in Rio de Janeiro in 1970.

"I have been a good guy and lived an honest life. Why would they want to lock me up now?" he said. "So much time has gone by and I am a harmless old fool," he added, with his rottweiler, Blitz,

sitting by his feet.

Biggs claimed he had moved on from the days when

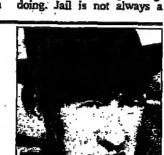
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conditions, but forecasters ex-

pected it to be temporary.

They forecast high temp-eratures until at least the end



Driver Jack Mills: died

of the time it just leads people often turn to me for advice and I always discourage them from crooked ways," he added. Biggs served 13 months for armed robbery before jump ing the wall at Wandsworth prison into a furniture remov-

al van in 1965. He escaped to

Paris where he spent £30,000

on a facelift, and then boarded

a ship to Australia to join his

vite and two children. His biggest regret was the death of train driver Jack Mills, who was injured during But he was lured away by a friend who showed him a romantic sunset photograph of Rio. "I looked at it and said that's the place for me." he

> Plans to extradite him in 1974 failed because his Brazilian girlfriend at the time had a child with him. Michael, now 23, was for a long time the legal loophole which kept Biggs in Brazil: having a dependant in the country guaranteed him a visa until his son became 21. Biggs is seen locally as an

eccentric tourist attraction rather than a criminal. He says that the robbery money ran out years ago, and he now makes a living from charging tourists \$60 (£38) each for what he calls "The Ronnie Biggs Experience". It includes lunch at his poolside, having a "knees up" and hearing the story of the robbery.

Yesterday Home Office sources said an application for the extradition would be made within the next few days.



Ronnie Biggs at home with his rottweiler, Blitz. "Why lock me up now?" he said

Jail ban ends nuns' smuggling **habits**

By A Staff Reporter

TWO nuns caught smuggling tobacco and food to inmates in a top-security jail have been banned from prison visiting for life.

Sister Anna and Sister Annunciata, who was nick-named "St Bruno" by the inmates, were caught by prison guards taking tobacco, duck eggs, cheese and meat in their bags destined for prison-ers at Kingston jail in Portsmouth.

The nuns, from Wickham. Hampshire, were interviewed by police amid claims that they had been smuggling luxury goods into the prison for several years. They were given official cautions and prison chiefs confirmed yesterday that a life ban had now been imposed on them carrying out further goodwill visits

A Prison Service spokesman said that the decision had been taken in light of the police caution. Father Derek Reeve, the prison chaplain, plans to hold talks with Kingston's governor in the hope of getting the ban overturned. "The sisters are very upset," he said. They were not doing anything illegal — they were doing something they've been doing

for years."

The nuns have been visiting lifers at Kingston, Britain's only jail exclusively for prisoners serving life sentences, for around 30 years. They have declined to comment about the

Homes ablaze as storms strike the South East

By NIGHT HAWKES

SIX houses in Kent were struck by lightning as storms swept across southeast England early yesterday. Thou-sands of homes lost power during the bad weather.

The roof of a house in Rochester burst into flames and collapsed after being struck by lightning. Nebody was injured as the occupants were on holiday, A Kent Fire did not need a number for the house because you could see the fire for miles."

Lightning also damaged houses in Snodland, Allhallows, Sevenoaks and Sittingbourne. In Strood, rain caused floods up to 18in deep.

The storms cut power supplies to more than 15,000 homes. By breakfast, about half had been reconnected. The problem has been localised areas of 50 or 60 people, but there has been a lot of these," an electricity company spokesman said.

The storms crossed Kent. Sussex, Surrey, Essex and London early in the morning. before moving into East Anglia. The rain brought relief from exceptionally humid

how coffee perks up mornings

By Nigel Hawkes

THE caffeine jolt that many

of the week.

A warning of heavy rain overnight in Scotland was issued by the Meteorological Office yesterday. The rain and thunderstorms were expected to break first over central and southern Scotland and localised flooding. ☐ Friends of the Earth has claimed that government information about air pollution consistently underestimates the problem. The environ-

Government has described air quality as "good" on 94 per cent of the occasions when it exceeded the Government's own safe level.

Ozone levels are described as poor only when they exceed 90 parts per billion as a onehour average, while the health standard of 50 ppb is set for an eight-hour period. Therefore, Friends of the Earth said, the standards were not directly comparable.

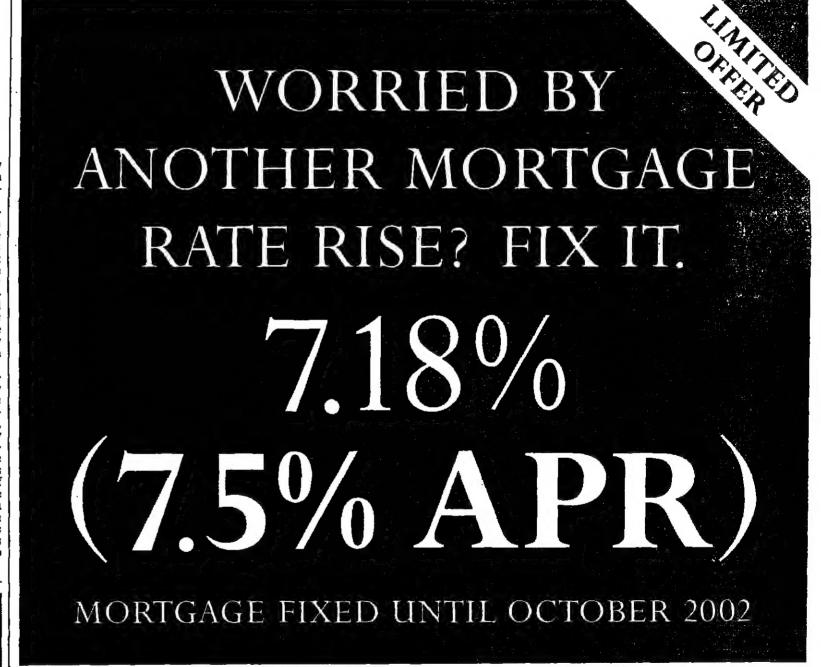
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Mice show

people need to get moving in the morning has been ex-plained with the aid of mice. Rodents genetically engi-neered to lack the receptor in

the brain to which caffeine locks on - so behaving as though they had had a surfeit of coffee — were found to be anxious and aggressive. They heart rate. These observations fit in with clinical evidence that caffeine increases anxiety and diminishes the perception

mental group said that the Marc Parmentier and colleagues at the Free University of Brussels created the mice by removing the gene respon-sible for making the receptor, which is also locked on to by adenosine, a chemical important in many tissues. The mice showed that adenosine is important in the control of mood. In a commentary in the same issue of Nature in which the report appears. Solomon Snyder of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore says that the finding may lead to new painkillers.



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Heinz and June Fellbrich after their 1947 marriage, and the couple yesterday Golden moment for couple who braved war prejudice

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

WHEN 18-year-old June Tuli and Heinz Feilbrich announced in 1947 that they were getting married, they got two sackfuls of hate mail.

They were the first couple to marry after the wartime ban on marrying prisoners of war was lifted, and today they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with their six children. 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"It will be the proudest day of my life, made even more special by the fact that so many thought we would never last." Mrs Fellbrich, now

69, said yesterday. "I will never forget when I announced to my mum that I turned to me and said: 'I'll give you six months."

They met when Miss Tuli spotted Mr Fellbrich, 25, behind the wires of a prison. camp in Southampton. She asked him to go for a walk, and soon the couple were courting regularly, although camp rules dictated that Mr Fellbrich had to return before

After three weeks of secret meetings, Mrs Fellbrich knew she had to tell her family. "It wasn't as bad as I'd imagined. But my aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents refused to have anything more to do with me if I carried on seeing Heinz. To this day she has still not seen many of them.

was marrying Heinz. She Mrs Fellbrich was already pregnant when the prisoner of war marriage ban was lifted in July 1947, and the couple immediately booked a wedding date in August.

Soon the hate mail arrived. "Many of the letters were from women who had lost brothers. husbands, fathers and other relatives," she said. "People felt very strongly that I would be a traitor ... But I was so in love and that was all that mattered."

The couple settled in Eastleigh, Southampton, where they still live. Mr Fellbrich found work as a farmhand. "We had our family and our lives together." he said. "Nobody's prejudices could spoil that."

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Numberplate king reaps Net profit from new domain

Mark Henderson reports on the trade in Web sites

numberplate salesman is making thousands of pounds from companies launching themselves on the Internet, after his firm bought up hundreds of the most popular Web site names. The music shop Tower

Records and the car magazine Auto Trader are among the companies that have had to negotiate with Steve Jackson of the Preston-based Internet service provider UKIP, which owned the rights to names they wished to use on the Net.

Mr Jackson, 31, who founded UKIP five years ago with five partners, has registered more than 700 "domains" in the past 18 months, and has sold more than 30 at more than El.000 each. This week

also holds the rights to finance.co.uk. money.co.uk and hoat.co.uk. and has cornered the marked for cycling Web sites with bike, bikes, bicycle and bicycles. Finance. about £10,000, while the most expensive site registered by UKIP, car.co.uk, would cost

Mr Jackson, the only partner in the firm who does not have a background in computer programming, spent six years buying and selling personalised numberplates. "I noticed how similar the two markets were, and spotted a niche," he said. "We went through looking for all sorts of generic names people were likely to want, and registering

them. We wouldn't dream of Tower Records paid UKIP welcometo

piccadilly circus london

Tower Records on the Net: a UKIP customer

mark."

Generic words such as car and money could be registered free of charge until a year ago. authority Nominet was set up. It charges an £80 administration fee; American Internet licensing authorities charge about \$100. It is a breach of copyright to register trademarks in this country, and Harrods recently reached an out-of-court settlement with a speculator who tried to register Harrods.co.uk.

Other Internet firms have also got in on the act. Domnames, a Southamptonbased firm that registers domains for its clients, has registered the rights to sydney2000 and games2000. The director, John Ward, intends to lease these at £30 a time to companies wanting to set up Web sites for the next Olympics. "I will make a fortune," he said. He was offered \$150,000 for the games2000 domain, and has been threatened with legal action by the US Olympic Committee.

Companies are sanguine about having to pay to use the domains that suit them. Mary Carson, digital services manager of Tower Records, said: "I didn't have a choice, and I'm sure it would cost us a lot more



Steve Jackson, who has registered more than 700 desirable Web site names

Hospital chiefs prosecuted over safety lapses

THE managers of a large hospital who allegedly showed a blatant disregard for safety regulations are to face a landmark criminal prosecu-

So widespread was the failure to comply with the law on protection for nurses and pa-tients that the Health and Safety Executive has taken the unprecedented step of bringing court action."

A routine inspection of Princess Margaret Hospital in Swindon discovered breaches of the rules governing such things as the removal of clinical waste including contaminated needles and infectious material, and proper maintainance of an area for post-mortem examinations. It is alleged that the hospital

had no secure unit for the containment of contagious diseases such as tuberculosis. which could be sealed and fumigated. Nor were there policies to deal with the risk of violence towards nurses, or the risks they faced handling patients manually, which is the prime cause of injury in

the profession.
The Swindon and Marlborough NHS Trust, which runs the hospital, will appear before Swindon magistrates next Wednesday. The charge, under the 1992 Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, alleges that hospital managers "failed to make appropriate arrangepreventive and protective measures to ensure the health and safety of employees and other people affected by their activities".

A spokeswoman for the Health and Safety Executive said: "This is the first time we have taken a trust to court for alleged bad practices without a specific accident having occurred. Since the breaches cover a whole raft of areas it was decided to bring court proceedings immediately rather than deal with it by way of enforcement notices."

Investigators allegedly found numerous breaches of regulations, and decided that they were all due to a failure of the managers to devise and implement proper health and safety policy.

The maximum penalty magistrates can impose on the trust is a £5,000 fine. However, if they feel their powers where the fine is unlimited. ☐ Two elderly patients needed emergency treatment after a 7ft by 5ft pane of glass fell on them at the Princess Margaret Hospital on Tuesday. Both were treated in the hospital's accident and emergency de-partment for minor injuries. They were taking part in an education session in a ward. 'An investigation is under way into how the glass came, loose. The incident is not



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Leftists rally in appeal for even-handedness

By Kathryn Knight, our left-handed correspondent

WE WERE once condemned gawp-handed citizens gathered to celebrate the condition that links them with Marilyn Monroe, Jack the Ripper and

The sixth international Lefthanders Day was celebrated. with events including a right versus left cricket match and a southnaw corkscrew competifion. Once condemned to spend schooldays with their left hands tied behind their backs, left-handers are now largely left in peace, but still struggle with a series of practical problems, according to the organiser Lauren

"More and more gadgets are designed for conveni but they are designed for right-handers' convenience," Mrs Milsom said. "We're not campaigning for the world to be left-handed, we just want it ing weak or broken. Howto be ambidextrous."

To that end, some of Britain's six million lefties went include Einstein, Picasso. to Covent Garden's main plazza to test gadgets designed to make life easier. The "Pirouette" kettle swivels on its stand to make it easier to pour from either left or right. A left

hander's complete les beard has the main function less on the left. More suited to the "things you never knew you needed", drawer were the left-hander's mug (slogan on the outside), left-handed ruler (numbers run right to left) and left-handed address book (indexon the left). Mrs Milsom skid: Some of these are just for

negativity in the past, with people suggesting we're bad luck, that we wanted to show we can be a positive force." The word "left" comes from

fun, but there's been so much

the Anglo-Saxon lyft, mean-

last three US Presidents.

The Left-Handers Club was

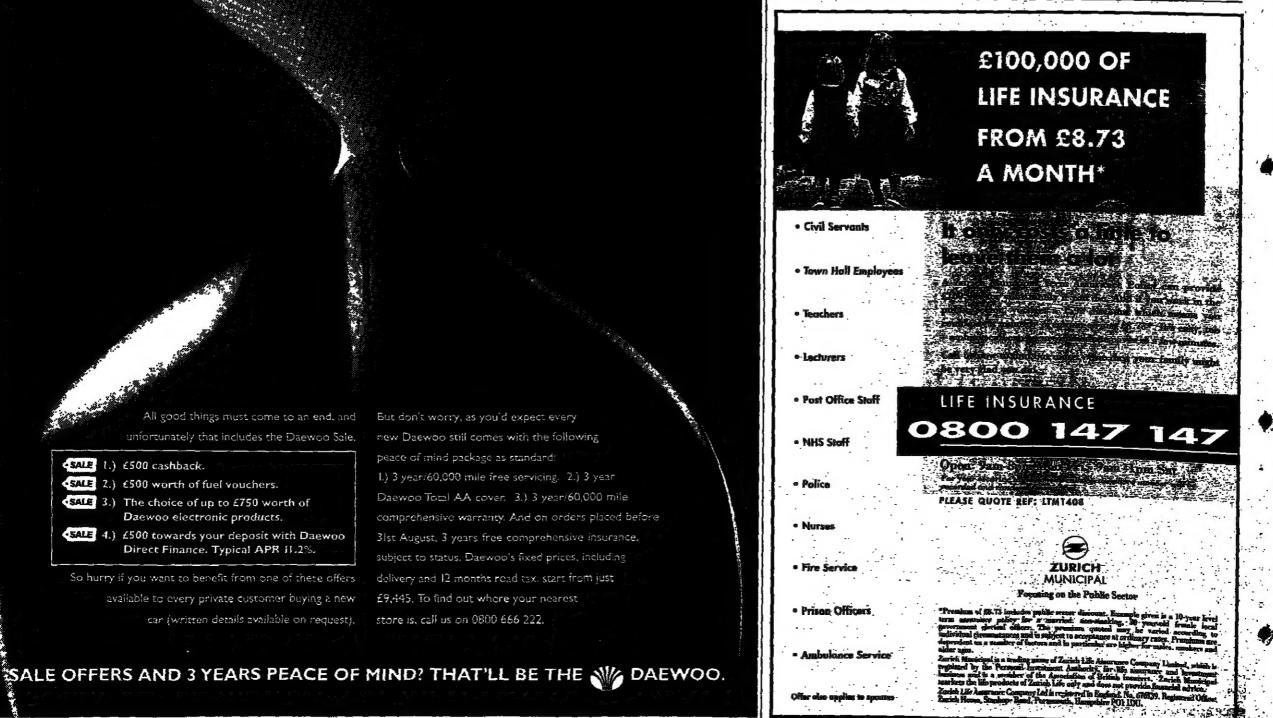
also hoping the day would highlight its campaign for cliabren's special teaching needs. Pers teachers realise that they need different tuition to be able to write easily and comfortably. Mrs Mil-som said: "A lot of teachers think they can just tell left-handed children to copy the way they write, but it is not as simple as that Left-handers copying right-handed writing end up twisting their hands and bodies round to avoid getting in the way of the pen or dragging their hands across the ink, then in later life they are frustrated that they cannot write fast and

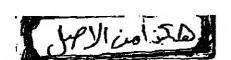
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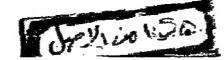
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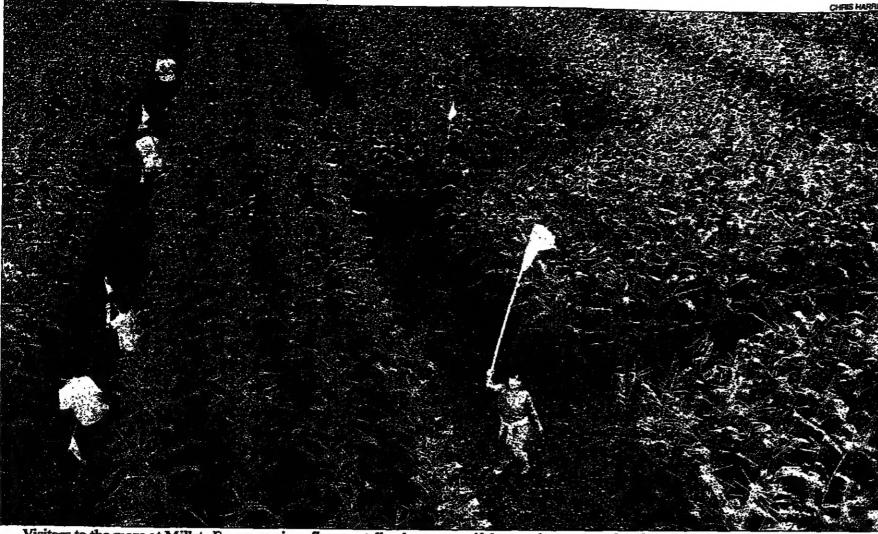


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World's biggest maze is next cash crop





Visitors to the maze at Millets Farm are given flags on tall poles to wave if they get lost among the 8ft maize. There are 3.73 miles of paths within the maze, which is designed in the shape of a windmill

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Adrian Fisher, the maze's designer

ago, where the bizarre crop formations have attracted tens of thousands of visitors. Farming entrepreneurs in Brit-

ain are hoping the money-spinning idea will catch on here. For Nigel Carter, managing director of the 1,000-acre Millets Farm, the maize maze is only the latest example of diversifying the business, which already includes a farm shop, restaurant, garden centre and pick-your-own fruit and egetable business.

A CORNFIELD in Oxfordshire will for

the next two months be the improbable

setting for what is claimed to be the

Cut from almost eight acres of 8ft-high

maize at Millets Farm Centre near

Abingdon, the labyrinth contains 3.73

miles of paths and junctions in the shape

of a windmill. The craze for maize mazes

began in the United States four years

piggest maze in the world.

I first heard of the idea for a maize maze at a cocktail party earlier this year," he said. "I decided to give it a try as I had An enterprising farmer in Oxfordshire hopes to supplement his income

by persuading hundreds of visitors to get lost, reports Michael Hornsby a perfect patch of land available." Mr out the young shoots to leave a network Carter hired the services of Adrian

mouth which has designed 150 mazes of every conceivable size and shape in countries around the world, from conventional hedges to brick and mosaic pavements, mirrors and waterfalls. The world maze record is the horticultural equivalent of the America's Cup," Mr Fisher said. "It has been broken several times in the United States in

Fisher, who runs a company in Ports-

recent years, so it was high time for Britain to put in a challenge." He has designed several comfield mazes in the United States, including one with 3.01 miles of paths in Detroit in 1996, until now the biggest on record

The maize was sown in April. When it reached nine inches, the designers pulled

of bare paths, working from a paper

Mr Carter says the creation of the maze has cost him £10,000, but he hopes to attract enough visitors to turn a profit. Visitors are supplied with a map and flags on long poles which they can wave if they get hopelessly lost. T-shirts are on sale at the exit bearing the slogan "I was amaized and cornfused*.

"We hope we are not going to lose anyone and find a pile of mouldering bones in some corner of the field when we come to harvest the crop," Mr Carter's wife, Juliet, said. "We have a rule that all children under 14 must be accompanied

There are viewing platforms which people can climb onto to get their bearings and a number of well-signed emergency exits. We also have a loudspeaker system and can call on anyone still in the maze at the end of the day to wave their flags. If the worst comes to the worst, it would be easy to break out."

A party of children from King Alfred's School in Wantage, who were sent on a trial run through the maze yesterday, solved the puzzle within 20 minutes. Tanya McCormack, 15, said: "It was easier than I expected, though I was glad that we had the map." Lisa Steel, also 15. said: "It was brilliant. We did get lost once and went round in circles.

Mr Fisher's obsession with mazes began more than 20 years ago when he created one in his father's three-acre garden in Dorset. But his career really took off after he wrote a letter to The

Times in 1980. "I had heard Dr Robert Runcie, in his enthronement sermon on becoming Archbishop of Canterbury, use the metaphor of the maze to describe the human journey through life.

"I wrote to The Times pointing out that mazes had a long religious history, which included the pavement mazes laid in the stone floors of Gothic cathedrals in

As a result, Mr Fisher received his first major commission, the creation of a brick-path maze featuring much Christian symbolism, in a large garden near Henley-on-Thames. Dr Runcie opened

Starting today, the Millets Farm maze is open to the public from 10am to 6pm flast admissions 4.30pm) every Thursday. Friday, Saturday and Sunday from today until the corn cobs are harvested in late October to provide winter feed for Mr Carter's herd of dairy cows. Entry costs E3 for adults. E2 for children and E10 for a

Chidren to cost £100,000 each

No, it's not a new tax on children. Worse, this is the real cost you can expect to spend bringing up a child if you are an ordinary family on an average income. And that's after you've taken child benefit into account.

And if your child goes into private school and is likely to go onward to university, you could easily be looking at three times that.

These shock findings come from 'What Price a Child?',* an investigative study into the cost of h child-rearing by well-known consumer journalist and broadcaster Jan Walsh.

Startling fact number 1

Where will the money come from if you or your partner are unlucky enough to die? £100,000 is a lot to find. Over twenty years it comes to just under £100 a week.

Yet amazingly, less than 45% of parents protect their families' future by simply insuring their lives.

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Insurer urges wealthy to wear cheap watches

Stewart Tendler on a six-point checklist to discourage 'Rolex raiders'

watches and costume jewellery to discourage attacks by ilies have also being told not to pose for magazines such as Hello! and Tatler wearing their best jewellery, and to keep valuable paintings, furniture and objets d'art out of photographs taken at home.

Scotland Yard estimates that there have been about 250 street robberies in affluent areas in the nine months to June. Michael Green, chairman of Carlton Communications, and his wife Theresa lost a El,000 necklace and cash when attacked outside their Mayfair home in April. The wife of Bernard Ecclestone, the Formula One racing chief, had a £65,000 diamond ring

The six-point crime preven tion plan was sent to 600 clients by Nordstern, a City ealthy clientele. It was drawn up by two former

Charles Hill was a detective chief inspector with Scotland Yard's arts and antiques squad, and finished his police career investigating Rolex robbers in the Belgravia area; Stephen Flack was a crime vention officer working for

the Flying Squad. Mr Hill said Rolex robbers were "seasonal animals" who operated widely in summer when expensive watches and jewellery were more easily visible. It is foolhardy for wealthy people to wear really

Decoy plan goes wrong

An undercover detective posing as an affluent Middle-Fastern businessman to trap Rolex raiders was injured when a robber attacked him (Stewart Tendler writes). The robber was chased by police but escaped in a Mercedes found abandoned yesterday.

Detective Constable Shaid Ali, 31, was walking in

valuable things when they are out in the summer," he said. In his letter to clients, Mr Hill said that the summer rise in muggings had become "an Chelsea. Nordstern has had at least one claim of more than £10,000 for a stolen Rolex.

The crime prevention advice Avoid wearing a valuable watch or jewellery with short-

☐ Consider using an inexpensive watch or cheap jewellery

with a knife and there was a struggle. An unmarked police

but was blocked by traffic. The operation is part of a the thefts. Scotland Yard has been running a campaign to tion Eagle Eye, aimed at street

able watches and jewellery may not thank you but discerning thieves are less likely to target you in the street."

photographs with your jewels revealed to the world. Criminals in and out of prison spend hours on their research and most avid readers." ☐ Take particular care when

parking. In car parks, try to find a space near the atten-dant's kiosk and always avoid Discourage house-to-house callers. Take descriptions of

suspicious cars or individuals.

Carry a portable alarm. land Yard said detectives thought that the advice was sensible, although costume jewellery might still attract thieves. Mr Hill said that many thieves were capable of spotting a fake Rolex from a few feet away, and would not



Daughter's smile made transplant all worthwhile

A MAN who flew 3,000 miles the nurses if it would be OK, to donate a kidney to his teenage daughter told yester. Heather's mother Barbara after the operation had made

Robert Shram, 47, who travelled from America, said that deciding to go ahead with the transplant "makes me feel

His daughter Heather has suffered from kidney disease since childhood. The pair held Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, about the successful

Exmouth, receives the results of her A levels in mathematone of her father's kidneys felt great". She first had a kidney transplant at the age of 7, but her body rejected the organ seven years later and after the last transplant

feel so much stronger." Mr Shram, an engineer who is remarried and lives in Philadelphia, said that, contrary to his expectations, he had not been nervous about the surgery. The night before the operation I went out to the pub for a beer. I asked one of

theatres for the operations, which took more than six hours. Mr Shram recalled that afterwards, he had seen a smiling Heather walking tal corridor. The sight had

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who carried out the transplant, praised Miss Shram as and the kidney was working nicely, said Mr Morgan. Her father was making "a nice re-covery" and should be back to

Miss Shram, a student at Exmouth Community College, who wants to study mathematics at university, said she was hoping to join an athletics club, take up run-ning and jumping again, and compete in the British Transplant Games once more As a child, she won six medals, four of them gold, at the

Airline asks | Heathrow volunteers to stay on holiday isle

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN AIRLINE flying 140 people home from Greece had to ask for ten volunteers to stay in the departure lounge after blaming the heat for unexpected weight restric-tions. The rest flew without their luggage, which was un-loaded to allow the plane to get into the air.

t was an act of God, and face a fight for compensation. A spokeswoman for Peach Air, a subsidiary of Caledonian Airover 40C — that weight restric-tions were placed on the

quality on Zakinthos meant the Boeing jet could take off only with a reduced payload. Cosmar, the tour operator, circumstances beyond our control. It was an act of God."

Peter Young, 25, of Brandon, Durham, a factory work-er who was with his girlfriend, as we took off that we were told our luggage wasn't com-ing with us."

Ms Marr. I7. said: "No one

could quite believe it when a man from the tour firm stood on a chair in the departure lounge and asked for volumteers not to get on the flight. "Nobody seemed in a rush to volunteer. From what I could tell they just told the last

ten people in the queue that they wouldn't be able to fly." The passengers who were left behind had to wait for the next available flight.

battle with luggage backlog

BY HARVEY BLLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of airline passengers have taken off from Heathrow without their luggage this summer because of a andling system.

At least 10,000 pieces of

luggage, including a wedding groom's outfit and nine sets of drums, have gone astray because of equipment failures and new security measures.

British Airways, the air-

port's biggest customer, had 2,000 bags left behind at the end of one day last week. The Celtic Inn Manawatu Pipe Band, from New Zealand, found that nine sets of drums and 12 suitcases were missing. A couple travelling from Ma-drid to Edinburgh to get married were left with only the

bridal dress. Heathrow normally handles 120,000 passengers on a busy day but recently has had

up to 160,000. New security procedures, to match departing passengers with each piece of luggage and to screen every bag as it is put into the hold, came into force on August L

an additional 150 bage handlers to help, installi new equipment as fast as can and having people ready to rush to any problem area DBritain's seven main air ports handled 10.2 million:

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Pupils desert traditional subjects Fears of poor marks and career rivalry are boosting applied courses, reports John O'Leary, Education Editor

into applied subjects such as business studies and sports science at the expense of traditional academic A levels. the national breakdown of this

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year's results shows.

While subjects such as mathematics, physics and economics recorded a modest 86 per cent larger. increase in pupils or even a decline, general studies and a number of newer courses, such as metha studies. boomed. Sport and physical education attracted almost a third more candidates than

concentrated in the non-gade tional subjects. The proportion of high grades rose sharply in business studies and physical

The total number sitting hoped this year's candidates
A level failed to keep pace with would be spared the armual

nterism over cost of

year before university to gain

work experience, travel or

earn money, face a doubly.

tense time as A-level results

drop on their doormats today.

Not only will they discover

whether their grades are good

enough for a university place

but they must also decide.

whether to continue with

The Government an-

nounced yesterday that all 19,000 students who applied

through the Universities and

Colleges Admissions Service

to start university in 1998, before the deadline last. De-

cember, will be exempt from the £1,000 course fees which

come in next year. But the

estimated 50,000 who did not

plan so carefully airead will have to pay the fees if they

continue with plans to take a

Ilford, east London, is recon-

sidering his plans to go to

university after discovering he

will have to pay tuition fees.

He had originally applied to

study law, but decided against

that as a career and declined

his offers, intending to reapply

Russell Goldman, 18, from

plans for a year off.

Thousands

in dilemma

gap year

Those who did not plan ahead will

lose out, reports Mark Henderson

STUDENTS planning a gap for business degrees after his

A-level results. He has ar-

ranged to spend six months

working for Marks & Spencer

"I may decide against goin

to university, particularly if

my results do not go as well as predicted. Mr Goldman said.

I have a great opportunity to

start work with a top firm, and

there is every chance I could

ger something permanent there. There is little point

paying to do a degree if it

Another alternative was to

go through the clearing sys-

tem to secure a place before

tuition fees come in he said.

"On balance, I will probably

still take the year out, but if I

consider trying to get a good

want to leave college up to my

Marks & Spencer takes 40

schoolleavers with A levels or

GNVQs each year on a six-

month paid work placement.

The teenagers are assigned to

a store, where they spend time

in different departments in a

managerial role. Successful

students are guaranteed an in-

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the rise in the 18-year-old population. Although the 776,115 entries represented a 52 per cent increase on last year, the age group taking most of the examinations was Kathleen Tattersall, repre

senting the examination boards, said more students appeared to have been attracted to GNVQ courses, which are now more widely available. We cannot be sure at this stage whether they are A 13 per cent rise in the taking more vocational altogether, but the figures show that students recognise A level as a passport to higher education or employment. Ms Tattersall said she

controversy over A-level standards. "Candidates can be proud of their success in a tough and rigorous cramination. The results are a clear reflection of their attainments and of the boards' maintenance of high standards in the interests of students and the educational system."

Professor Alan Smithers. who heads Brunel University's Centre for Education and Employment Research, said the pass rise reflected a continuing change in the function of A level, which had become a "badge of achievement" as much as a selection tool for pass rate from 68 per cent in 1982 to 87 per cent this year would produce a 100 per cent success rate within ten years if

1955 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 1997

A level will continue to serve the needs of the top research possibility that they will decide it does not, and will bring in something that does the job

attracting A grades was unchanged from last year, with the next grades accounting for most of the increase in the pass rate. More than 55 per cent of entries reached the top three grades, compared with 53.8 per cent in 1996.

The 16 per cent of entries

As in previous years, the proportion of top grades varied widely between subjects. In mathematics, for example, more than a quarter of candidates were awarded A grades, but fewer than one in nine reached the same mark in law. Biology, with almost 9 per cent more candidates, was

dates in 1996, recorded 15 per cent more entries this summer - the biggest increase of any subject. Business studies was close behind, with a 14.6 per Professor Smithers said that teenagers were avoiding tradi-

among the few traditional

subjects to see the increase in

entries outpace the growth in

the number of 18-year-olds.

General studies, which saw a

10 per cent increase in candi-

tional subjects in which they feared they might score poorly. They are going for subjects that interest them, like sport, but as a nation we do need students in subjects like physics and French.

Ms Tattersall said, however, that the changes showed

They are moving out of economics and into business studies, for example, because they like the applied nature of the courses. This is not devalu-

ing A level in any way." Entries for AS-level examinations increased by 6.6 per cent, after an 11 per cent rise in 1996, Biology, general studies, mathematics and psychology accounted for most of the increase. The overall pass rate declined slightly. The course, which was introduced to provide more breadth to sixthform study, is expected to be revamped in 1999.

Fewer than 10 per cent of the 62,000 AS-level entries reached the top grade. In a number of subjects, including chemistry, computing and media studies, fewer than one candidate in 20 received an A

Another rise in pass rates, but the critics have been silenced

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

PUNDITS' carping over A-level standards, which so infuriates teachers and parents on results day, was strangely subdued this year despite another significant rise in pass

The change of Government has robbed some of the most vocal critics of their platform, and the same message is no longer newsworthy. Whatever the reason, analysis of the results took second place to the prospects for university entry. In some respects, however,

this is a watershed year for the A level, which deserves closer scrutiny. Almost a third of the candidates took modular A levels - twice the number in 1996 - and the impact is clearly visible in the pattern of

Studies have shown that the building-block approach to A level has no effect on the proportion of top grades, but it does cut the failure rate and boosts the numbers in the middle categories. That is there was no increase in A grades, but the overall pass rate improved as the proportion of Bs and Cs rose.

There is no mystery about what accounts for the trend. Students who can see from their early modular tests that they are going to fail simply do not register their results, and the ability to retake modules allows strugglers to make

Candidates still have to reach the same standard, so there should be no lowering of

quality. Indeed, by setting tests in the first year of A-level study, modular courses may be more demanding. The chief doubt remains over the degree to which piecemeal testing fails to leave students with a rounded view of their subject.

Such questions will loom large in the Government's review of A levels. Baroness Blackstone makes clear in today's Times that the examination itself is not under threat, but there will still be important changes to the sixth-form curriculum before the end of the decade. Conservative ministers were planning to tighten up the rules on modular courses to ensure a single standard: today's results can only encourage their successors to do likewise

The results posted in schools and colleges today include the first modular courses in geography, business studies, economics and politics. Courses with terminal examinations are now in a minority in English, mathematics, chemistry and physics. The trend is unlikely to be reversed by a Government keen to hit ambitious qualifications targets as well as encouraging an enthu-

siasm for education. Modular courses will help with both; few students who experience them would go back to the traditional ways. If the status of A level is to be not be one rule for the old guard and one for the new.

Tessa Blackstone, page 18



Dean Chapman, who has arranged to work in a bakery's engineering department before university next year

do very well I would have to terview for a permanent job. starts in 1998, he has deferred cal engineering at Coventry.

> David Hormigo, 18, from Reading, had originally intended to apply for a university place after his A level results came out today. He decided to delay his application to give him more time to consider what he wanted to

After hearing that he will have to pay tuition fees if he

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whether or not they go on to his university plans still furyears, to build up some cash before going to university as a mature student, a few years down the line," he said. "I'm already working at an outdoor shop, and I will be working for the Royal Mail at nights too."

In January, David plans to go on an expedition to Nepal for five months. He still intends to go the university eventually despite the announcement on tuition fees. "I still don't regret waiting to apply, and I won't go for dearing as I still don't know

what to do," he said. "There is no point going to do a course I

Dean Chapman, 18, from Ollerton, Nottinghamshire,

depnding on his results. He ing for the Riverside Bakery in Nottingham, which is owned by Northern Foods, as part of the Year in Industry scheme. Under this scheme, gap-year students are placed with businesses for a year, gaining valuable work experience. Mr Chapman will be working in the bakery's engineering de-partment, helping with the

installation of equipment.

"I am getting a year's paid work and lots of experience that will stand me in good stead later on. It seems people are going to miss out on opportunities like this for financial reasons in future. That's wrong."



David Hormigo: he has

Helping students who don't make the grade

Beryl Dixon, a college adviser, describes her tactics

nightmare I am sitting an examination, and the paper is not only impossibly hard, it is on a subject I have not studied. If that's my nightmare, goodness knows what

It is as hard as ever to see a macho 18-year-old fighting back tears. As the envelopes are opened, everyone involved - students, parents, teachers and advisers - is tense. How can we help them? By being as supportive as possible. By being there when they collect the results.

I pick up a supply of tissues and head for college. We don't believe in putting lists on a noticeboard. Students are given their results in person by volunteer members of staff. The unfortunates are

passed to me and an adviser from the careers service. We commandeer offices and phones, and encourage the near-misses to contact their universities. Often, they get times they must wait. Many a grade or two down are accepted. (Tissues are not just for the unsuccessful. Last year one girl was in floods of tears. "Oh dear," I began. "No. they're taking me." she sobbed.)

Then we make appointments to discuss strategy with the ones who, as far as we can tell, will need to consider alternatives. Should they go through clearing? Resit? Look for work? Only they can decide. We point out pros and

cons and discourage hasty decisions. We make sure they know how to use sources of vacancy information.

In the past, I rang admissions tutors on behalf of applicants. Now students are encouraged to make contact. They may need pushing. We have staff available if a reference is needed.

There are inevitable disappointments - some seem most unfair - for students

was disgusted. His colleagues boasted about their children, but he couldn't 9

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who are rejected by popular institutions that can afford to insist on AAB, despite an ABB. Then there are the students (and parents) who cannot accept their results.

Sometimes persistence pays. We had a case where nobody could believe the low grade awarded to a particular student. She was rejected. I phoned. The admissions tutor sounded weary. I was about the fourth that day. A teaching colleague stated that he was prepared to stake his reputation on this one; he had

before. He wrote to that effect. It was not going to work. The course was full. She could phone the following week, however, in case a place became vacant. Finally someone dropped out and she was reluctantly accepted. My colleague's reputation was ultimately saved when her remark moved her up two grades.

There are wonderfully supportive parents and, occasionally, the less supportive ones. Also last year, a girl cried on my shoulder and said her father was disgusted with her: all of his colleagues were boasting about their children's results and he could

What can parents do if the results are disappointing?

Encourage students to phone universities. Tell them that admissions staff are human. Many are parents themselves and they know how stressful a time this is.

If you can, take time off and be available to act as chauffeur to open days and

Tell them it is not the end of the world! There are plenty of successful people who did not make their first choice of PORTSE OF CAPERT.

Beryl Dixon is careers and her education adviser at Cricklade College. Andover.

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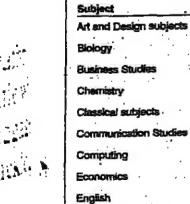
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All Other Subjects

The temporary wood village that put down roots

THE village of wooden houses put up in 1917 was supposed to last only a few years. But 80 years later, the homes are still in excellent condition with not a single woodworm in sight.

Now the residents of Austin Village at Longbridge. Birmingham, have won a sevenyear campaign for conservation status for their nomes. The 199 cedarwood bungalows will thus remain a slice of British housing heritage. Residents must now ask Birmingham City Council before they put up a satellite dish

Austin Village was built by the car pioneer Herbert Austin so that his workers could live close to the factory in Longbridge, which in 1917 was producing war munitions.

George Drywood, a spokesman for the Austin Village Preservation Society, said: We started campaigning in 1990, and then set up the society a few years later to add Herbert Austin's bungalows for

car workers were

not meant to last.

Now they are to be preserved

City Council's bureaucracy to do something about it. We were just worried about the future of the village. We knew how special these bungalows are, but we wanted to conserve them so that no one else could get their hands on some 80year-old wooden bungalows."

Austin ordered the bungalows from American makers in Bay City. Michigan, and they were shipped in kit form. Mr Drywood said: "They were ready to assemble with nails

bungalow had three bedrooms, a kitchen, bathroom, lounge, dining room. They also had an inside toilet and central heating when they

Mr Drywood said: They are still practically as good as the day they were put up. The because cedarwood is quite oily, and because the homes are looked after.

"They are extremely warm in winter and cool in summer that is the beauty of wood. The wood is entirely knot-free. sure of this that they offered a dollar for every knot found. We didn't find one."

He said the bungalows were considered to be temporary homes when first erected Then the council gave them a five-year licence. In 1924, they gave them a 15-year licence. They then decided that if they



George Drywood, of the Austin Village Preservation Society, outside his cedarwood bungalow at Longbridge, one of the 199 put up in 1917

were still standing they had to be permanent dwellings."

The new conservation status, which was backed by 129 of the 193 householders, means the bungalows can not be altered without planning permission. Edna Henson, 78,

said she would never swap her Many people have converted wooden house. "The bungations are easy to look after. We comed flats and extended the just paint them once every five

the roof weight so the interior

lounge for that reason.

"I am really pleased about the new status. We don't want people spoiling the look of the special area. And most peopleare keen to retain the bungalows original identity." A Victorian tin church which has become a muchloved landmark in the village

saved from demolition. Plan-ners-have refused permission for a housing development that would have meant the end of the 108-year-old bluepainted prefabricated shack. of Thrupp, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, has been The listed building was



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Although it is expected that members will not be asked to vote of the plan mail 1998, on belieff of your board, we wanted to inform you as early as possible of the train reasons for your discrete. eing to the terms of the transaction.

The terms on which the consideration would be distributed will be deter nam Midshires board, having regard to the provisions of the building societies legislation and the consideration is expected to be in the form of preference shares in The Rosell Bank of . Scotland pic and perhaps cash to certain members. However, no decision has yet been taken sat-

Birmingham Midshires has wen many national secolades for its commitment to customer case and last year won the Unisys/Management Today Service Excellence Award. The Society has always prided itself on listening to your feedback and reacting at your needs whenever we can.

Over the years you - the members and customers - have often told the Society, through our regular surveys, that you want the Society to offer a wider range of products and services.

The Way Forward n Midshires' board has recently undertaken a major strategic review of the Society's options in light of the increasing pace of change within the retail financial services industry. The board of Birmingham Midshires has concluded that it can best maximise the Society's potential and develop the business to add long-term value for members, customers and staff as part of The Royal Bank of Scotland. Birmingham Midshires' board is manimous that the terms of the sed transfer are fair and reasonable and in the best interests of all Birmingham Midshires' key stakeholders - members, customers and staff.

The board of Birmingham Midshires believes that joining The Royal Bank of Scotland will allow the business to fill strategic gaps in the products and distribution channels it can offer, enabling it to accelerate its strategy of becoming a broadly-based provider of personal financial products, adding those of The Royal Bank of Scotland group. The board of Birmingham Midshires also perceives new opportunities for the business by making its product range available through The Royal Bank of Scotland's branch network.

The board of Birmingham Midshires believes that the availability to the business of the greater capital resources of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group will improve the quality of its funding base and permit more tapid growth than would be the case if Birmingham Midshires remained an independent organisation. As part of The Royal Bank of Scotland, the Birmingham Midshires business would benefit from the greater freedom to achieve the optimal mix between wholesale

and retail funding and firsts the lower costs at which The Royal Bank of Scotland can sales debt

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The board of Birmingham Midshires believes that a union with The Royal Bank of Scotland will create a vibrant business with positioned to exploit opportunities in the United Kingdom market for personal financial services. Birmingham Midshires expects its business to benefit from enfranced business performance, increased income and improved efficiency, leading to greater value for customent. This combination would idlow Birmingham Midshires' business to join a suring and respected bank Birmingham Midshires' board believes that the divisional structure Sing and representation meet in strategic objectives more effectively while maintaining its strategy ordered and values festined on excellent continuer care, impossion and strength.

Next Steps

Obviously there is a great deal to accomplish in the coming months. We will be writing to all members and customers individually in the next few weeks with more information and the next

in the meantime, Bisminghian hiddhines members are advised to avoid taking any action which could antiwomably affect their members include. We are committed to keeping you fully inflamed of developments. However, then to legal constraints, Birmingham Midshines staff are madde to give any inflamental or advise about these proposals. A members' Helpline has been established on Freephone 0800 068 1818 if you would like to know more.

We expect to be able to put our proposals to members in the first half of next year and, subject to approval and certain officer conditions, including the consents of the Building Societies.

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Thank you for your continued support of Binningham Midshires and we look forward to exceeding your expertations in the fatare.

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We'll be writing to all our members over the next few weeks with more details. Meanwhile, sit tight and wait for more exciting news. However, for more up to date information please call our members' Helpline on 0800 068 1818.



"We'll exceed your expectations"

Briton is killed in Alps crash

NEWS IN BRIEF

teenage son injured when their car was crushed by a lonry in the French Alps.

Elizabeth McMahon, 50, of Monday after the lorry skidded on a wet road near Vizille. Her husband Patrick, 52, was being treated for multiple fractures yesterday in a hospi-tal in Grenoble, with their son Owen, who was not badly hurt. The couple's two grown-

Drought payout

Six more water companies, Anglian, Essex and Suffolk, Mid Southern Northumbrian, Severn Trent, and Thames, agreed to pay compensation to customers if supplies are cut during a drought.

Hanover appeal

Colin Martin, who is trying to raise the Hanover, an 18thcentury ship that sank off Cornwall laden with gold, has won leave in the High Court to challenge a police decision that has halted the project.

Estate agent hurt

An estate agent suffered scri-ous head injuries when a timber ceiling collapsed. Catherine Arthur. 25. was showing a couple around an apartment in a dockside com-plex in Cardiff Bay.

Father jailed

Brian Simcock, 39, of Wigan, who killed three pet rabbits with a hammer because his children would not look after them properly, was jailed for a month. He admitted causing unnecessary suffering.

Flying bear back Arthur Brooker, 5, has his teddy back, five days after tying it to six belium balloons.

The bear was found by a

farmer 20 miles from Arthur's

home near Bristol. His re-

sue after car gets the hump A SOLICITOR is planning to

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Tony Burton, 47, was forced to pay £160 for repairs to his Ford RS2000 after the scrape He failed to get compensation from Tameside council or the Department of Transport and now intends to take the agency to court for causing an obstruction on the Queen's

Highway. Mr Barton received more than 120 letters from other motorists when he advertised for victims of car damage to come forward. He claims traffic-calming legislation is being interpreted too literally by local councils and is angering motorists, instead of calming

Speed bumps are causing frustration to motorists all over Britain," he said. "Any car which has a relatively low suspension risks serious damage from a standard local authority speed bump, yet a four-wheel-drive vehicle can fly over one at 70mph."

He said that the powers given to local authorities by the Highways Department were being abused and he wanted to challenge them in the courts.

A spokesman for the Highways Agency said: "Speed bumps are the responsibility of the local authority and are only installed on residential roads, not on trunk roads. The whole idea is that they slow traffic down, but you do get cases where motorists go over them too fast and cause

damage." A spokesman for Tarneside council said. Where spee normally in response to public pressure. We have 300 quests on our waiting list. The are in accordance with guide-lines laid down by the Depart ment of the Environment.

Frisbee takes the sting out of rays

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

been noted as tidy eaters. But playing frisbee with stingrays. up to 6ft across sets a new standard in food throwing.

lieves they do it to reposition the ray so they can eat it without being stung. Ms Visser spent two years watching killer whales in the

waters off northern New Zealand. She observed 19 whales, mostly male, pursue and eat 55 stingrays. On one occasion two whales are 18 stingrays in

a six hour binge.
Normally one killer whate would dive to the seabed to find a ray and then signal the others, she told New Scientist. The whale then surfaces with the ray still alive; flapping inits mouth." Sometimes a

KILLER whales have never whale will flip a ray out of the water before tossing it around with at least one other whale, she says. The rays make strenuous efforts to escape. The whales have been observed tossing the stingrays to and fro by Ingrid Visser, a "or will try to hide between research student at the University of Adelaide. She believed the pilings of a wharf."

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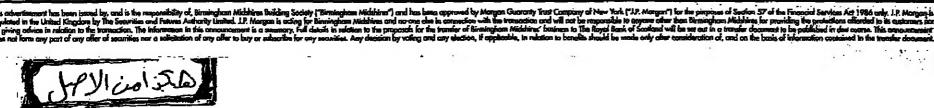
John Ford, director of re-s search and conservation at Vancouver Aquarium in Can-ada, said: The killer whale never ceases to amaze. The animal is a very innovative eater." Vanessa Williams, of the Whale and Dolphin Con-servation Society in Bath. said: Common sense would suggest that they're trying to position the stingrays so they can swallow them without

being stung.

"It's also very likely that they are teaching their young the redunerity of eatching prey. It's just like a mother cattraining her kittens."

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New Beetle drives into controversy

Book dents image of 'people's car'

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE Volkswagen Beetle which came into life as Hit-ler's "people's car" before becoming an essential part of the postwar German landscape, is to make a comeback next year. About 50,000 Beetle fans have About SUJUD beene lans have already ordered the new model although it will not be presented until the Detroit Motor Show in five months.

The car will keep its insect-like form, though if will be somewhat rounder and will resemble more closely the prototypes built by the team of Ferdinand Porsche in the 1930s rather than the workaday 1950s version. Naturally the car will be well advanced, with airbags, an economic 1.9-litre turbo diesel and a technical affinity to the new Golf. The new Beetle, says the company demonstrates the lifestyle of its future owners —

The key to the success of the new car will be the American market which took the old Beetle to its heart. Various Hollywood films, including the forgettable Herbie, were made about the German car, which was regarded as somehow more loveable, and certainly more Californian, than the heavier products of Detroit's factories. But the Beetle's popularity in the US

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might take a denting if more were known about its origins. A comprehensive historical

study by Professor Hans Moromsen, entitled The Volkswagen Factory and the Workers of the Third Reich. showed, in devastating detail, how the company used slave labour in its campaign to meet Hitler's demand for a car within the financial reach of

within the financial reach of the broad masses.

Borrowing ideas from Henry Ford, the Germans constructed the factory city of Wolfsburg which lived and breathed Volkswagen. A nearby concentration camp provided a steady flow of slave labourers from Western and Eastern Europe. Eastern Europe.
Soviet labourers at the fac-

tory were given a daily ration of potatoes and turnips, 150grammes of bread, a ladle of thin soup and a portion of unconventional, youthful and margarine - better than concentration camp rations but inadequate for workers who began their shift at 6.30am and worked through until opm, especially as the short lunchbreak meant that many were never able to reach the front of the queue to receive their food.

The Morromsen book, though it came out last year, has yet to be translated into



Hitler inspects the original "people's car" in 1938 with the designer, Ferdinand Porsche, on his left; below, the new four-seat coupe due to go on sale next spring

nounced that it had engaged

than eager for the history to be published in the US next year to coincide with the launch of the new Beetle. Translation of the 1,057-page book will take

This is a highly sensitive time for German companies as they move to the United market.

small Mercedes to the Americans, has also been rather slow in translating a company-sponsored history of slave labour in the car works. Degussa, the company which melted down Jewish gold, is becoming more active in the US and recently an-

examine its archives. The fear wartime survivors, but above all about a loss of image. Volkswagen is thus keen to present the Beetle not so much as the descendant of the Nazi era "Strength through joy" campaign but rather as the answer to student dreams,



French hit by budget cut

FROM SUSAN BELL

DASSALILT Aviation's Rafale fighter-bomber will be the first casualty of the French Socialist Government's decision to cut its defence budget next year to offset spending on job creation while still meeting the 3 per cent Maastricht criteria for a single European

currency.

The Government, Dassault's only customer for the Rafale, intends to scale back its £1.6 million order for 48 of the warplanes over the next five years, and may extend it over a longer period. An earlier order for 13 of the

aircraft will stand.

A spokesman for the Defence Ministry said the "cutting back does not mean cutting out" - an indication that the Government probably intends to maintain at least the naval version of the warplane. the only French fighter-bomber available to equip the Charles de Gaulle, France's

new aircraft carrier. The Rafale, which has now reached the production stage, is France's independent equivalent of the Eurofighter being manufactured by a British and German-led consortium. France's large defence bud-get was a natural target for

cuts. However, the Govern-ment was hindered by the phasing out of conscription in favour of a professional volunteer army, leaving a reduction in military procurement as its

Rome and Athens trade insults on Games venue

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN BOME

IN A latter-day reflection of the Olympic Games in seven the struggle for domination of the ancient world, Athens and Rome yesterday each tried to prove that the other was an unsuitable venue for the Olympic Games in 2004. "Rome and Athens trade insults" was the front-page headline in La Repubblica.

The row, which began with an outspoken attack on Afti-, and dominant personality, ens' qualifications by Primo told Greek television after Nebiolo, the noted Italian former athlete, is seen as a sign of the increasingly heated tional Olympic Committee prepares to make its decision on the 2004: Games on September 5.

Rome and Athens are neck and neck in the last lap, with Cape Town and Buenos Aires also on the short list. Stockholm is the fifth remaining contender, but its chances are thought to have received a setback when an explosion destroyed part of the Stockholm Olympic stadium at the

Signor Nebiolo, who heads the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) and is also on the IOC, raised Greek hackles by making scathing remarks about Athens' handling of the world athletics championship which ended in Greece last Sunday. The event was widely seen as a test of Greece's ability to stage

years' time. The Games, re-vived in 1896, had their origins in ancient Greece 30 centuries ago, and Athens was bitterly disappointed not to be chosen to host the centenary Games in 1996, which went to Affanta, Signor Nebiolo, a former Italian athletics champion known for till sharp tongue attending the athletics champation had been "mediocre" at

due to the JAAF rather than the hosts, he said. Signor Nebiolo said many of the events had been poorly attended and overpriced, with nearempty stadiums. "I suppose the people of Athens all head-



Nebiolo: attack on Greece's stability

ed for the seaside instead," he said. "But you Greeks have the sea all year round. Surely you

can forget the sea for a week."
In an even sharper dig at
Greek pride he said Greece
was burdened by political and
economic problems over meeting the Maastricht criteria for the European single currency, and had high unmployment and an unstable currency.

Theodoros Pangalos, the Greek Foreign Minister also known for his outspoken manner and Mediterranean temperament - retorted that Signor Neblolo had broken "a very basic rule; that although politicians are allowed to speak about sport, sports officials are not allowed to speak about politics".
Italy, Mr Pangalos pointed

out, had had to mobilise its armed forces to try to suppress the "terrifying problem" of the Maña, a reference to the use of troops to patrol both Palermo

"But I would not dream of saying that the Mafia characterises Italy, and that Rome therefore does not deserve the Games," he said. "If Rome does not win, it will simply be because Athens was

A country such as Italy which had 55 governments since the Second World War was in no position to accuse of instability, he





French love of l'amour is wilting

THE popular myth of the Latin lover's legendary libido has been shattered. A survey claims that 52 per cent of French people would be un-concerned by long spelis of chastity, while 49 per cent said they often — or sometimes — had no desire to make love.

The indifference to all things sexual was compounded by figures showing that 44 per cent of men surveyed admitted to a flagging sex

French women fared even worse, with 53 per cent saying their libido had decreased. Thirty eight per cent of those polled said they were making love less than they used to.

Men seemed more aware of the problem than women, and long lapses in sexual activity were also a greater concern for males. Only 9 per centsaid they were having more sex than they used to.

The survey, to be published today in the weekly news magazine L'Evenement du Jeudi, was conducted with 960 people aged 18 or over. It does not explain the apparent cooling ardour - nor does the birth rate, which has in-creased by 23,000 in two THE NEW IMPROVED DESKPRO NOW OFFERS MORE RELIABILITY, POWER

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Sombre India in no mood to celebrate

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOM IS IN DELTH

AT midnight tonight lodia will mark 50 years of freedom bowing its head in sorrow rather than raising it in celebration. A gloom hangs over Delhi and although the nation is taking a four-day holiday this is the main sign that anything is happening.

There will be unspectacular parades and a flurry of mid night speeches, none of which will touch the eloquence of Jawaharlal Niehru's "trist with destiny" speech. Indias Gettysburg Address, defining the soul of a nation, his remarks filled with anguish because freedom brought with it the imgedy of partition,

That same sense of sadness-hongs over India like the monston clouds Nobody feels like a party. If anybody in the subcomment should celebrate it is Palastan, for whom partition was a victory, severing half of India's Muslims from the other half with a line drawn on a map at the rate of 30 miles a day by a man who had never been to India. He dismembered a country with 5.000 years of history, separating friends and making them

enemies in three yars. But not even Pakistan feels glad: the subcontinent believes it has squandered too many dreams. As midnight nears, the 120 million Muslims of India, almost as many as onthe other side, are silent as



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silent as always — the people left behind 9

always, a vulnerable group --

the people left behind. Few would choose to go there now; their leaders, such as this fissiparous community has any, reassure them that they are better off in secular India, for all the prejudices they endure and the massacres they have suffered at the hands of Hindu fanatics. Pakistan holds no allure for Indian Muslims any more: the Islamle homeland is a failure.

Senior veterans still travel from Pakistan to India for reunions at their former military pendemies in Dehra Dunand beyond, enabling them to meet friends they grew up with trained with, and fought against in war. They embrace



Lord Mounthatten, the last Viceroy, left, and Sir Cyril Radeliffe, who divided the subcontinent

stants who know each other. South Asia does not have cross-border enmittes as Europe has them.

The wars were short-lived border battles, not enough to poison people against each other. Beyond the political divide there survives a sense of fraternity and shared experience, at least between Hindu and Muslim, even among the post-partition generations.

Sir Cyril Radcliffe, the jurist

whose pen divided the subcontinent, sweated for 36 days through the pre-monsoon humidity in a bungalow in the grounds of the Viceroy's palace, "Down comes the Union Jack on Friday morning and up goes - for the moment I rather forget what, but it has a spinning wheel or a spider's web in the middle. Nobody in India will love me." he wrote.

That wheel was Ashoka's wheel — the dharma chakra. wheel of the cosmic order. emblazoned on the shields and chariots of the founder of the Hindu empire. Mahama Gandhi's loyalists wanted his spinning wheel to occupy the flag instead, but it was rejected us a symbol of backwardness. "I refuse to salute a flag which curries such a message," he said of India's new flag, an emblem of war at the centre.

Britain dabbled in India for more than three centuries, but the blueprint for dividing the subcontinent was completed in four hours and accepted by the Cabinet in five minutes. The responsibility for this mad decision," wrote Mounthatten, the last Viceroy, should be placed "squarely on Indian shoulders in the eyes of the world, for one day they will bitterly regret the decision

they are about to make". ☐ Flag offence: A school principal in western India has been jailed for a year and fined about £10 for disrespecting the flag. Manishankar Narayan Rawale, 56, hoisted the flug at his school near Nagapur in January to mark Republic Day, but failed to lower it in the evening, a violation of the flag code. (AFP)



Nehru with Lady Mountbatten on independence day when he made his speech on India's "tryst with destiny"

Pakistan votes to shoot terrorists on sight

Islamabad: Pakistan's National Assembly (lower house) passed an anti-terrorism Bill yesterday which gives the Government sweeping new security powers, including the right for police to shoot

suspects on sight. The opposition Pakistan People's Party, led by Benazir Bhutto, walked out of the Assembly in protest.

The Bill is an attempt to stop a wave of killings that have shaken Pakistan in the run-up to the celebration of 50 years of

More than 225 people have been killed this year in a feud involving rival wings of the Mutahida Qaumi Movement United National Movements, an ethnic party in Karachi, while a vendetta between militant Sunni and Shia Muslim factions has cost about 140 lives.

The Bill, sure to become law thanks to the large majority enjoyed by Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, in the Senate federal or provincial governments call in the armed forces to help civilian authori-

ties. It authorises policemen or soldiers to fire on anyone committing, or believed to

be about to commit, a "terrorist" offence. The security forces would also be allowed to arrest terrorist suspects without a warrant and to search premises. and seize weapons or anything else likely to be used in a terrorist offence, also without a warrant. The Bill proposes the and the National Assembly, would let the action has resulted in a death; and a social disaster. sentence of between seven years and life

imprisonment otherwise. (Reuter)

Political leaders squabble for the spotlight

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN will celebrate the anniversary of its creation in an appropriate manner. A row-between President Leghari and Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, has led to the cancellation of a joint session of

parliament today.

Traditionally the joint session is addressed by the President, but the Prime Minister wanted to be at centre stage on this occasion. As the President would not give up his prerogative, the Government cancelled the session. Now Mr Sharif will make an address on national television and radio at midnight.

Benazir Bhuno, the Opposition leader, who is on a private visit to London, will not attend the official ceremony and there appears little enthusiasm among ordinary Pakistants. The mood is one of disillusionment. An opinion poil by the country's largestcirculation newspaper Jang-showed that 90 per cent of Pakistanis do not have any faith in their leaders.

Pakistan today is one of the poorest of nations with one of the highest illiteracy rate. For more than half its 50 years of independence it has been ruled by military dictatorship. The country is back on a democratic track but the roots of democracy are shallow.

Created in the name of religion. Pakistan is faced with a sectarian war which is tearing the country apart. The sectarian violence on the streets of Karachi and Punjab province is symptomatic of a deep-rooted and serious malaise. This week the federal government sent forces to control the violence.

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The experience of the past nine years, since the return of democracy, has been that pol-itical leaders lack vision and courage. Successive elected governments have further weakened national institutions. The most important what lies ahead for Pakistan. The country stands at a cross-

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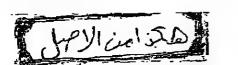
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft THURSDAY AUGUST 14 1997

BY ADAM JONES

UNEMPLOYMENT fell to its lowest level in 17 years in July, with fewer students thought be joining the dole queue after leaving education. The City, fearing more inflationary signs, was reassured by accompanying data showing the underlying annual increase in national earnings to be static in June at 4.25 per cent

The 50,000 seasonally adjusted fall in the monthly jobless total, to 1.55 million, includes a large reduction in the number of unemployed people due to be targeted by the Government's "New Deal", part of Welfare to Work

Under the campaign, 18-24 year

more than six months, as well as all those unemployed for more than two years, will be eased into work through temporarily subsidised jobs, voluntary work or study

In the second quarter of 1997, the number needing these incentives fell by 67:300 to 437,700.

July is traditionally a time when the ranks of the jobless are swelled by students leaving education, Last month, the flow was significantly lower than July 1996.

Baroness Blackstone, the Educa-

tion and Employment Minister, said this confirmed anecdotal evidence that young people are finding it easier to get jobs.

The Office for National Statistics

figures, also pointed out that July 1997 was the first time students had come across the jobseeker's allowance, which requires claimants to meet more demanding tests to prove they are looking for a job.

The statistics are presented on the same basis as the previous Government's unemployment figures. It is thought that the Government will soonmake a decision on the future basis for calculation.

The seasonally adjusted number of vacancies advertised at jobcentres rose by 1,500 in July to 284,400, the highest since measurements began in 1980. The ONS, however, said this includes a 40,000 error that exagger-

Jobless total at 17-year low Bank says rate rises on hold ed deputy governor, said that the length of this was pause and the

direction of the next move in interest

rates would depend on the events in the coming months, but the Infla-

tion Report said that the risks to the

economic outlook remained biased

in the direction of higher inflation

and Mr King suggested that the

BY ANATOLE KALKTSKY

THE Bank of England confirmed yesterday that interest rates are unlikely to change in the next few months, after four consecutive quarter-point rises since the Bank was given control of UK monetary policy. The Bank said in its quarterly Inflation Report that the quarterpoint increase in rates last Thursday had brought monetary policy to the position required to meet the Government's inflation target. The monetary policy committee had accordingly decided that a "pause for reflection" was now appropriate before it took any further action

either to increase or reduce rates.

Mervyn King, the newly appoint-

next move in interest rates was more likely to be up than down.

The minutes of July's MPC meeting, also published yesterday, showed that all members of the committee agreed on a quarterpoint increase, and Mr King suggested that the latest MPC meeting. the minutes of which will be published in September, was unanitary decisions would be swayed by new evidence on five areas of uncertainty: European monetary union and its effect on sterling; the impact of the strong pound on trade and output; the evidence of inflationary pressure or lack of it in the labour market; the impact of building society windfalls on consumption and the developments in money

The Inflation Report said the strength of sterling caused an "acute dilemma" for monetary policy at present. The "large rise" in sterling's exchange rate was now leading to "severe pressure" on manufacturers and other businesses exposed to international competition.

Yorkshire

Water

rejects

£10 plan

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT YORKSHIRE WATER has run into fresh controversy for

not joining a drought compen-

sation scheme designed to prevent the poor service it was criticised for two years ago.

Two thirds of the industry have agreed to have their licences amended by the regu-

£10 a day if drought interrupts

water supplies. But Yorkshire

said it does not think licence

changes should be authorised by anything but statute.

A spokesman for Ofwat said: "The whole idea of this

scheme was to avoid the

situation that Yorkshire got

itself into so it is surprising

that Yorkshire will not join."

The scheme was drafted last

year to strengthen the finan-

cial incentives for water com-

panies to provide adequate

service following Yorkshire's

The refusal by Yorkshire, Southern and seven smaller

companies, to endorse licence changes means that their cus-

tomers will have no automatic

right for compensation.

Drought is not covered under

existing guaranteed standards

so claims could be lengthy and

Last year Yorkshire was

fined £42 million by Ian Byan,

the water regulator, for poor

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Market fall

The FTSE 100 Index fell sharply, sliding back through afternoon trading before closing 72.2 points down at 5,003.6. The pound fell sharply after comments by the Bank of England on interest rates and inflation. Sterling fell 4.24 pfennigs to close at DM2.8962. The stock market was volatile after a number of economic indicators were published in America. Markets, page 26

Disappointment

BICC, the cables group that owns the Balfour Beatty construction company, is believed to be looking at a sale of its loss-making German business, one of the key problems behind yesterday's disappointing results. Page 24, Tempus 26

Midshires to pay windfall of £600

BY ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 12 million cus- tion. He said: This does not tomers of the Birmingham rule out a much larger acquisi-Midshires Building Society tion in the future. But any deal will receive windfall both has to be at the right price and nuses worth an average of between £600 and £650 each after the agreed £630 million bid by Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS).

The takeover, which should be completed by the second half of next year, was agreed after nine months of

RBS has clinched a deal that will double the size of its mortgage book to £12 billion . Robert Fleming, said it expects and boost the Scottish bank's to finance the transaction branch outlets by 115 to 775. When the purchase is completed RBS will become the UK's tenth-largest mortgage

George Mathewson, group chief executive of RBS, which also owns Direct Line, the telephone insurer, gave a clear indication that the Birmingham Midshires deal would not be the last acquisi-

Travel feels benefit of windfalls BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SPENDING of windfalls is beginning to take off in the travel industry, with Airtours yesterday report-ing strong early bookings for next year's holidays. Winter bookings are 25

per cent ahead of last year, while the early launch of summer 1998 brochures has led to a 42 per cent rise. Windfall payments from demutualising building societies and the Norwich Union have put up to £30 billion into circulation in

recent months. Cuts in the number of holidays available for this summer, after the industry's disastrous summer of 1995, have paid off for Airtours. Pre-tax profit has risen 24 per cent to £24.1 million in the three months to June 30.

give value to both partners."

The proposed deal values £605 million and £630 million. The final figure will be decided by a pre-agreed formula that will be activated only after RBS's advisers have completed a due diligence review of the Birmingham Midshires books.

RBS, which was advised by without calling on shareholders for additional funds. In preparation for the deal the bank has agreed to place 33.4 million new shares with Scottish Widows, its joint venture partner, at 601.2p a share. Dr Mathewson said the extra £200 million would be used for investment: purposes and to strengthen the balance sheet.

The RBS deal represents a remarkable turnround in the fortunes of Birmingham Midshires, which was advised by JP Morgan. When Mike Jackson became chief executive of the building society in 1990 its finances were parlous and its loan book was considered to be in such a state that a rescue bid by a stronger society was a serious possibility. Since then pre-tax profits have risen from £9.5 million to

£70,7 million. Mr Jackson's refusal to rule out a conversion from mutual to banking status, a joint merger and then flotation or a deal such as yesterday's made the society a prime target for carpetbaggers.

In the past year 300,000 more customers joined than might have been expected and late last month Birmingham Midshires stopped opening new savings accounts.

Mr Jackson, who has not yet decided whether to accept a senior board position at RBS. said the proposed purchase was "the best deal in town". RBS shares closed at 612p, down 132p on the day.

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Actuaries press for urgent review of pension schemes

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

A LEADING group of pension fund advisers has called for an urgent review of all UK pension schemes after tax changes announced in the Budget.

The Institute of Actuaries says it is now nearly impossi-ble to advise on pensions as the changes affect whether individuals should remain in the state earnings related pension or contract out.

The institute examined the effects of the Budget ban on pension funds claiming back the 20 per cent advance corpo-ration tax (ACI) paid on company dividends. Nigel Masters, chairman of the ACT working party, said: "The change could mean that some people should never be contracted out of Serps."

The institute said that actu-City Diary, page 27 aries who look after more than £500 billion of pension assets should immediately review

the value, solvency and liabilities of all pension schemes. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, prompted protests over the ACT change. The institute

said that the move could cost as much as £75 billion. The costs will be incurred because the valuations of many of the country's biggest pension schemes have been cut. Future revenue from company dividends will also be substantially less. According to the actuaries, as much as 15 per cent has been knocked off the value of schemes and investment returns have been cut by

average pension scheme. Companies will have to make substantial cash injections into their schemes to

0.5 per cent a year for the

ensure that liabilities can be met. Earlier this week Glynwed said it would have to invest an extra £3 million to top up its pension fund,

Compensation arrange-ments for those mis-sold a personal pension will also need to be reviewed. Already some, such as the Prudential, are increasing the amount set aside to resolve the matter. **Duncan Ferguson**, Institute

of Actuaries president, said: The profession must act prudently now to protect the public's pension, savings and insurance investments." The actuaries also want the

Government to review the minimim funding requirement (MFR) for pension schemes. The MFR affects the value of transfers from com-

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Warburg recovery boosts Swiss Bank of "higher performance-related com- month. DMG, which yesterday comthe devaluation of the Swiss franc and BY ROBERT MILLER

SBC WARBURG, the London invest-

ment bank that was on its knees two years ago, has become the biggest contributor to the profits of Swiss Bank Corporation, overtaking the traditional private banking business for the first time. Profits from investment banking at SBC, which earned handsome bonuses for successful traders and executives, also outstripped those of asset management through SBC Brinson and retail

banking. The domestic bank-portfolio,

however, was particularly hard his by

Switzerland's ongoing recession.

SBC Warburg has reasserted itself as a powerful player in the London markets, scoring notable successes including the defence of the Cooperative Wholesale Society from a bid led by Andrew Regan.

SBC's overall group profit jumped 84 per cent to £554 million of which SBC Warburg's contribution rose 60 per cent to £287 million. The £297 million rise in personnel expenses to more than il billion was partly because of the currency effect but mainly a result

pensation on the back of the strong results", SBC said. The banking group's return on equity rose to 19.4 per cent in the first half of the year compared with 10.5 per cent in the same period last year. City analysts said the SBC Warburg

figures were a vindication of SBC's strategy of carving out a place in the investment banking world. They com-pared the Swiss bank's figures with those of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell (DMG), the investment banking arm kets fail to sustain their currient high of Deutsche Bank, announced last levels and transaction volumes fall."

pleted a \$1.5 billion (£950 million) floating rate note transaction for ICI. the largest such deal, reported profits of £288 million despite the problems in its fund management business. Georges Blum, SBC chairman,

warned the market and shareholders. who include Martin Ebner, the maverick Swiss corporate financier who has a 2 per cent stake, that results in the second half would not equal those in the first, "especially if financial markets fail to sustain their currwent high

Laura **Ashley** to halt growth in US

By Sarah Cunningham

LAURA ASHLEY, the beleaguered retailer, is expected to announce that it is to halt its expansion in the US, the cornerstone of the turnround strategy devised by Ann Iverson, its American chief executive.

The company is also expected to accompany a trading update, due next week. with news of further job cuts at its Welsh factories. The company has been closing smaller stores and opening at larger sites in the US in the past two years. Analysts believe that poor trading in the new stores has persuaded the company to abandon all new openings apart from those to which it is already

firmly committed. Laura Ashley is expected to report an interim pre-tax loss of up to £4 million next month, compared with a £5.2 million profit a year ago. It is taking the unusual step of issuing a trading statement before its results after rumours of problems.

Laura Ashley employs about 800 people in rural Wales. Some 200 jobs were cut last year, and more are likely to go as garment pro-duction shifts to the Far East, with its cheaper labour. About 20 per cent of Laura Ashley garments are made in Wales. Furniture fabric and wallpaper production, 80 per cent of which is done in Wales, is less likely to move abroad.

Sir Bernard Ashley, widower of the company's founder and owner of a 35 per cent stake, has traditionally defended the six Welsh factories. But the share price fall from 219p last October to 63p yesterday is believed to have persuaded him it was no longer possible to keep as much production in Wales.

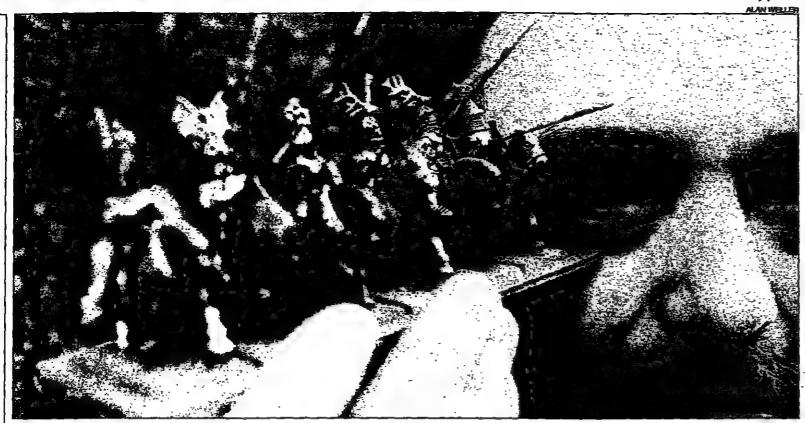
The atmosphere at the company is believed to be extremely tense as Sir Bernard and his son Nick, a dea lot of time working there after the shock resignation of Basha Cohen, the design

director, last month. Most analysts are expecting to lower their profit forecasts for the year next week. Although Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the company's brokers, have moved their forecast down to £8 million, other analysts are

still on about El0 million. Ms Iverson has been under pressure since delivering a profit warning in April. She said that prices would have to be slashed to clear stock after setting overoptimistic sales targets. Soon after, it emerged that she was paid more than £! million last year.

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GAMES WORKSHOP, the toy soldiers producer, is marching its miniature army overseas in an ambitious £6 million expansion plan that should double its number of worldwide stores within four years. The company, which operates 150 outlets worldwide, plans to open a further 30 this year and

37, next year after resolving not to make any acquisitions and use its cash pile purely for organic growth. Tom Kirby, chief executive, said its growth is being fed by "second-childhood adults", who account for 25 per cent of sales. He said: "The secret of the appeal is that these are miniatures, not dolls,

the soldiers helped the company to lift pre-tax profits to Ell.1 million (£8.87 million) for the year to May 31, with earnings rising to 22.6p (18.2p). The dividend rises to 8.4p (6.8p), with a final 5.8p due on October

Burford nets nearly £24m on sale of Grantchester stake

By Chris Ayres

BURFORD, the ambitious property company led by Nick Leslau and Nigel Wray, yes-terday pocketed nearly £24 million when it sold its 15 per cent stake in Grantchester, the retail warehouse developer.

The 17.4 million shares were sold at 135p each to a client of BZW, the broker for both companies. The sale height-ened speculation that Burford is building up funds to com-plete the purchase of a third its joint venture with ian

Mr Schrager made his name in the Seventies with Studio 54, the New York nightclub whose regulars included Bianca Jagger and Andy Warhol and was featured in Le Freak, a song by Chic. He now owns a string of successful hotels and can boast Madonna as a partner in one of his ventures, the Delano in Miami, Burford

London locations. A total of £32 million has reportedly been spent on a grade-two listed property off Oxford Street and a property in Covent Garden

The hotels will be decorated by Philippe Starck, the designer. Burford hopes that both will be in business by the end of next year. Another two central London hotels will follow.

denied that the sale of Burford's stake in Grantchester had been orchestrated to raise funds for any specific

He said Grantchester was going extremely well, but it essentially a property company and there was no point in owning a stake in a passive investment. "What we need to do is take that money and use it to make more money for our shareholders." He also ruled out the possisale being ploughed into Trocadero, the company that owns the troubled Piccadilly entertainment complex of the ame name.

Trocadero is not the only business interest of Mr Leslau and Mr Wray to underperform. The two were part of a consortium that rescued Nottingham Forest, then a Premiership football chib, only for the team to start losing and be relegated to the Nationwide First Division.

Barclays staff ready for action over pay

BY ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS BANK staff will begin industrial action, which will stop just short of a fullscale strike, next week over a

new pay scheme.
Unifi, the Barclays staff Bank Indonesia was forced union, said that from August 22 members will be asked to support an overtime ban, to work to rule, and to withdraw their co-operation in any initiative to do with the bank's newly imposed pay and grad-ing scheme. Last week Barciays unveiled an 8 per cent rise in interim pre-tax

profits to £1.4 billion. The union said: "The forthcoming industrial action is the latest salvo fired by Barclays employees in their battle to

force the bank to modify its new pay scheme, in which the majority of staff are expected to suffer a freeze on salaries and pensions for the foresee-

able future". Paul Snowball, Unifi's general secretary, warned that bank customers would be "disadvantaged" in the indus-trial action. He said: "We are sorry for the inconvenience. however, service will only return to normal when Barclays comes to its senses and introduces some genuine modifications to this punishing pay regime,"

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Thomas Cook creates 400 jobs in Falkirk

Scotland's booming telephone call-centre sector, it was announced yesterday. Thomas Cook, the travel company, is announced yesterday. Thomas Cook, the travel company, is to establish an operation there to supplement the work of its existing call-centre in Penerborough, which itself employs 400. The centre, which will handle business for Thomas Cook Direct, its "book-by-phone" arm, will initially employ 150, but that figure is set to triple over five years, it said.

The firm said factors that swung its choice in favour of Falkirk from a short-list of five connecting locations included

The firm said factors that swung its choice in favour of Falkirk from a short-list of five competing locations included the high quality of local labour, and the "impressive" commitment shown by local authorities and Forth Valley Enterprise. The new centre is due to be up and running by January I. The firm said book-by-phone had accounted for more than 10 per cent of its total bookings this year, and this activity had grown "dramatically" since the Peterborough centre opened three years ago.

Rea Brothers advances

REA BROTHERS, the banking and financial services group, raised pre-tax profits 40 per cent to £1.4 million in the six months to time 30 on operating income up from £9.6 million to £11.1 million. Earnings rose from £6.2p to 1.96p out of which the interim dividend rises from 0.5p to 0.6p a share. Sir Hugh Cubit, chairman, said: "Merchant banking has started the year extremely well and investment management continues to perform strongly. We have achieved the anticipated growth in group profitability during the first six months of 1997. By focusing on the provision of sophisticated, high-quality client services and seeking further operational fliciencies, we expect to maintain our momentum

DuPont jobs for Derry

DUPONT, the chemical group, is to invest £78 million and create 100 new jobs at its Maydown plant in Londonderry, it has been offered selective financial assistance of £12.5 million by the industrial development board towards the investment costs. Marjorie Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, welcomed DuPont's confidence in the region and said that the investment would underpin 450 direct and support jobs in lycra production. The Maydown plant has an annual turnover exceeding £300 million and is one of Northern Ireland's largest exporters.

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Culver agrees sale

CULVER HOLDINGS, the vehicle distribution group, has agreed to sell its travel insurance businesses to Financial Insurance Group Services, a subsidiary of GE Capital Services, for up to £4.75 million. Around £2.25 million is payable on completion. £1.75 million in January 1998, and a further £750,000 before April 1998, payment of which is subject to performance. The businesses Culver is disposing of are Worldcover Direct, Accident & General, Bawden & Co and Direct Insurance Products. Culver shares rose 32p to 105p.

Rosebys lifts payout

ROSEBYS, the household textiles and soft furnishings group that bought Bensons Beds this year for £25 million, more than doubled pre-tax profits in the six months to June 30, from £1.51 million to £3.18 million. The group's turnover was up 74 per cent, from £46.1 million to £80.4 million, while carnings per share rose 55 per cent from 4p to 6.2p. An interim dividend of 3.1p (2.1p) will be paid on October 17. Sir Gordon Hourston, the chairman, said the company's household focused businesses were performing well in the more buoyant market conditions

SB picks Zeneca chief

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM has peached David U Prichard from British rival Zeneca to replace George Poste as chairman of research and development for its pharmaceuticals business. Zeneca has filled the gap by promoting Richard Auty, its development director, to replace Dr U'Prichard as international research director of Zeneca Pharmaceuticals. Dr U'Prichard, 49, will join SB next month and will report to JP Garmer, who heads the group's drugs arm. Dr Poste has become SB's chief science and technology officer, a more strategic role looking at future technologies.

Indonesia falls victim to Asian currency turmoil IMF/pan-Asian support pack-

INDONESIA became the latest victim of the Asian currency crisis as its central bank was forced to make a defensive interest rate rise yesterday to pull the rupiah back from its all-time low.

Currency turmoil has swept South East Asia as fears emerge over the future growth prospects of the tiger economies, exacerbated by the present strength of the American dollar.

On Friday Indonesia cut short-term interest rates by 50 basis points but yesterday raised them by 100 basis points. Malaysia has just spent \$8.8 billion (£5.6 billion).



Soros blamed by Malaysia

to no avail, in supporting the ringgit, and Thailand is hammering out the detail of a \$16 billion (£9.9 million)

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to step in after the rupiah shrugged off the rate rise and dropped to the lower limit of its 12 per cent trading band. At this point the central bank is pledged to support the rupiah. The Malaysian Prime Minister has already blamed George Soros, the trader who

age. The Singapore dollar has

come under pressure while the

Philippine peso and Taiwan

dollar have been weak.

forced the pound out of Europe, for the ringgit's woes. Dealers are ready for a fresh speculative attack and yesterday the ringgit closed at 2.7775 to the US dollar, down from 2.7645 the previous day.

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Highbury slowed by loss-maker

HIGHBURY House Communications, a publisher of consumer and trade maga-zines, yesterday said that losses in the first half of the year will be higher than expected after disappointing trading performance (Eric

Reguly writes). Highbury, formerly known as Harrington Kilbride, said the poor results were partly due to losses at Trustcare, the advertising rental division, which has just been sold for

£25,000 in cash.
WV Publications and Exhibitions and DPS Typecraft, two recently acquired companies, are performing well, it said. The interim results are to be announced on September 8. The shares fell lp to 7p.

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n Falkirk ard luck, carpetbaggers, if you failed to spot the attractions of the Birmingham Midshires building society. Our Weekend Money section highlighted its attractions to an expansionist bank, and fortunehunting investors, back in Octo-

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If George Mathewson had pounced then, the price would certainly have been lower, but windfall collectors will appredoubt they will soon be dashing off to the travel agents to book an extra holiday or to the high street to splash out on a carpet or

But this latest fuel to consumer : spending is not likely to budge already shaken up the staffing in the Bank of England from its the bank, but he has much the Bank of England from its view that inflation is under control. Its confidence on that front was spelt out yesterday. and appears to have convinced the markets that interest rate rises really are on hold.

The plummening pound will be greeted as great news for exporters, even if it is unfortunate for those carpetbaggers who choose to take a break overseas. So why should the stock market plunge so dramatically? Its performance is only explicable as a reaction by overseas investors to sterling's fall, a decision that they may not want to be so heavily weighted in the UK

Yet the underlying news on the economy continues to tell a tale of strength, and not just on the

Economic miracles take longer

inflation front. For unemployment figures to have fallen to their lowest space 1990, without any increase in average earnings is an impressive achievement

Optimists would have us clare the benefits of his delay. No liteliese that we have entered a new economic era. However, there are many who are wary of

They will be taking note of the strike threat now being issued at Barclays. Martin Taylor has further to go.
The battle that Bob Ayling is

having to fight at British Airways is not unique to airlines. Industry is moving into a new era of global competitiveness in which the speed of change in working practices is having to move up several gears.

Technology makes that possible but some employees will, inevitably, not enjoy the demands that come with it. It is one area in which journalists speak from experience, since our own industry was the advance guard for developments that are only now taking place in the wider world. Persuading staff to adopt new, flexible work practices is not easy, as Bob Ayling can



And while the City has seen that average wages have not been rising, so have workers in local authorities and hospitals. We can expect to see some struggles ahead as the tighter employment market does en-

courage a degree of bravery in wage demands.

Economic Nirvana is not yet assured, and is unlikely to be achieved without a fight. The stock market will be right if it

Banking on bancassurance

eorge Mathewson's lat-Jest move gives Royal Bank of Scotland the extra high street distribution it has been seeking ever since it failed to land the Cheltenham & Gloucester, beaten by the wily team of Sir Brian Pitman and

The price is a full one, since the

Birmingham & Midshires has seen little organic growth in the last three years. Instead, it has swelled its loan book with a prolonged spree of purchasers, some of which may have brought it loans of questionable quality. But the B&M also brings a core client base of the more

moneyed sections of Midlands society, which is what Mr Mathewson wants as a target for other Royal Bank products. The purchase will bring around one million extra clients into his list and he will waste no

time in telling them just what Royal Bank has to offer. Like his rivals, he wants to persuade customers to drop into a one-stop financial shop, whether they do it in person or by phone. At Lloyds TSB, Peter Ellwood reckons that his average customer has a total of six financial products, just two of them purchased from him. If he can persuade customers to be promiscuous and pick up maybe four from Lloyds, the effect on his profits would be formidable. The race is on to learn as much as possible about customers, their family back-ground and possible financial requirements so that subtle selling will have them snapping up a new insurance policy almost before they realised they needed

He and Mathewson are not the only bankers to have worked this out, but they are well placed to make the idea of the bancassurer

Mr Mathewson has the advan-

tage of owning Direct Line, a formidable operation that pioneered the art of telephone selling of insurance and trans-formed an industry. In the process, it made a fortune for Peter Wood, Mr Mathewson has never resented the rewards that Mr Wood made from his bright idea, nurtured under the Royal Bank umbrella, Instead, he has pointed out that few other bankers would have been brave enough to back such a forceful

This will put him in a good position to nurture the undoubted talents of Michael Jackson, the B&M chief executive who has done a splendid job of rescuing the society from near oblivion but whose reputation is not of the shrinking violet variety.

Will names choose shares over status?

o successful has been the rescue of Lloyd's of London that it is easy to forget just how close to collapse that City institution came. But insiders admit that, had just one United States judge been fool enough to rule in favour of litigious Americans who tried to block the crucial reconstruction, he would have been administering the

fatal injection. Yet despite that brush with death, the Lloyd's name has emerged virtually unscathed with customers. And, although they have seen gory evidence of the fact that underwriting can result in losses as well as profits, 10,000 individuals have opted to remain as Lloyd's names. What

motivates them to continue risking the demonstrated dangers of unlimited liability is unclear, but given an average age heading towards the pensionable, an element of habit may be partly responsible. Greedy optimism and snobbery may also come into the experient into the equation.

But a recent suggestion to names that they change the status of their involvement with Lloyd's attracted 1,400 requests for more information. This is not the first proposal for names to convert their involvement into a corporate scheme but it is the first that offers the attraction of a

quoted investment. The Conversion Investment Trust is the bright idea of Dawnay Day. It will be intriguing to see how many names are won over by the prospect of a chance to swap status for shares, and the option to quit Lloyd's when the time, or price, is right.

Britain's loss

WHEN Warburgs was sold to Swiss Bank Corporation the perceived wisdom in the City was that it would suffer. Clients and senior bankers flooded out the door. But the knee-jerk reaction was wrong. Sure, the SBC culture was much more brash, but marrying the superb O Connor derivatives business to some pretty smart brains has created a world-class investment bank for London. Shame it isn't

was ultimately responsible for

the AMS contract, left abrupt-

ly amid rumours that the

billing system was proving a

failure. Shortly afterwards,

Celinet revealed that it recruited only 12,000 customers in

the first three months of the

year, far below the levels

announced by even its small-

Cellnet said it would up-

grade its old billing system if

AMS failed to provide an

Increase

in hotel

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lifts M&C

BY ADAM JONES

MILLENNIUM & Cop-

thome Hotels (M&C) said

pessimism over the central London hotel market was misguided as it an-

nounced strong growth yesterday. Pre-tax profits were boosted 53 per cent in

the first half of the year,

after a surge in occupancy

The group, floated last

year and controlled by

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BICC looks to sale of German loss-maker

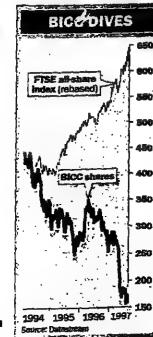
By PAUL DURMAN

struction company, is believed to be looking at a sale of its. loss-making German busi-ness, one of the key problems behind yesterday's disappoint-

The group, whose shares have underperformed the market by 70 per cent in recent than 1,300 staff from KWO Kabel, reducing it to what it believes is the minimum effective size of 700 employees. But these measures have not proved sufficient to escape a fall in German cable prices to 15 per cent below the US level BICC regards as the norm.

Alan Jones, chief executive, said that BICC was looking to reduce the group's exposure to Germany but would not discuss the possibility of a sale of all or part of the business. "We are obviously thinking hard about it [KWO]," he said.

KWO faces strong competition from Alcatel and Sizmens, but Mr Jones believes that the German market has a reasonable chance of stabilising because of other efforts to reduce the oversupply of cable. BICC reported half-year



BICC, the cables group that pre-tax profits down from £63 owns the Baifour Beatty conmillion to £55 million. Operating profits from BICC Cables. the European arm, fell from £51 million to £28 million. This understates the true extent of the deterioration in trading because the group has cut £40 million from its annual costs since last year.

The group's Italian business Enel, the state-owned energy group, stopped buying cable in the run-up to privatisation. Mr Jones said this caused Italian sales of power cables to halve. BICC has agreed with the Italian Government to shed another 350 of its 1,220 staff.

Metal Manufactures, the Australian cabling business. also disappointed with profits falling from £20 million to £14 million. BICC blamed weak construction and housing markets and a slowdown in telecommunications orders. BICC's shares fell 72p to

162 p. continuing their three-and-a-half year slide. Richard Dunne, of the broker Henderson Crosthwaite, said: "Management credibility must be low. Shareholders who backed last year's rights issue must be rueing that they ever partook." BICC raised £170 million by issuing shares at 270p.

Mr Dunne added that BICC

had previously said it had virtually completed the re-structuring programme be-gun when Mr Jones joined in April 1995. He said there are also doubts about BICC's dividend, although the company maintained the interim pay-ment at 4p a share. It will be paid on January 2.

Balfour Beatty, which ac-counts for almost half the group's six-month turnover of £2.2 billion, increased its profits from £lm to £15 million. mainly due to elimination of prior-year losses.

Much of the profit came from its rail maintenance and renewal business. Mr Jones said Balfour Beatty was still less than half way towards achieving 3 per cent margins on its UK business.

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Energy takes £112m | Ockham postpones hit on windfall tax

By Christine Buckley, Industrial correspondent

THE ENERGY GROUP, the Angle-US power company whose £3.7 billion takeover by PacifiCorp was sent to the Commission, took a £112 million charge from the windfall tax for its subsidiary Eastern Electricity.

The group, which also com-prises the US's largest coal business Peabody, detailed the bill in its figures for the three months to June 30. It also recorded a dip in operating profits. The profits slipped 2 per cent to £96 million because

of £20 million seasonal losses at its coal-fired power stations. The Energy Group bought the mid merit stations from National Power and PowerGen last summer. Mid merit means that they are not al-

ways called to operate at full capacity when demand is low. The company has to wait until the end of November to hear whether the agreed bid from PacifiCorp, which has now lapsed, will be allowed to proceed. The Energy Group spent £7 million on advisers'

Wise Speke float

OCKHAM HOLDINGS, the Lloyd's of London underwriter, has put on hold its plans to float Wise Speke, its stockbroking subsidiary, in order to build up the company. Ockham pulled the flotation

at the last minute in December amid stock market volatility. This would have given it a market capitalisation of around £13 million. Yesterday Lord Poole, Ockham chief executive, said the broker needed to be substantially bigger to have a successful entry on the stock market. He

ruled out acquisitions in the short term.

Wise Speke made £1.5 million pre-tax profit to June 30, above last year's £1.5 million which included £0.5 million from Dealwise, the executiononly business later sold. A fall in interim pre-tax

profits for Ockham from £11.4 million to £7.4 million belied the £5.5 million capital injection under the Equitas settlement last year. In real terms they rose £1.5 million. An interim dividend of 1.5p (lp) is due on November 11.

Dispute erupts over Cellnet billing contract BY ERIC REGULY

A SIMMERING contract dispute between Cellnet and AMS Management, an American information technology firm, erupted yesterday when AMS said it would cease working on a new billing system that was supposed to meet the mobile phone company's needs through the next

Cellnet said AMS's billing system is a year behind schedule, "has hundreds of software bugs and does not produce bills". The company, which is owned 60 per cent by British Telecom and 40 per cent by Securicor, is to take a £40 million charge this year to cover the faulty system on top

took last year. Celinet said it has given AMS, based in Virgina. 30 days to either fix the software or present a plan on how it intends to fix it within a certain period. It is not ruling out legal action if neither condition is met. The company said: "Celinet has given notice to AMS stating that it considers AMS in material breach of

contract." But AMS has no intention of doing any more work on the so-called Force billing system. It said it had been unable to reach agreement on the final aspects of the contract in spite of more than seven months of negoriations "and believes it has fulfilled all of its contractual obligations to Cellnet".

Charles Rossotti, chairman of AMS, said: "We firmly believe that we have gone far beyond what was reaonably expected. Virtually every week, Cellnet changed what it wanted."

The withdrawal of AMS is the latest in a series of blows to Cellnet, the second-largest player in the industry. In March, Howard Ford, the managing director who

Kwek Leng Beng, the Singaporean billionaire, was optimistic about its traditionally stronger second half, saying July showed good growth on 1996. The rise in profits, and the associated 34 per cent increase in turnover to

£95.3 million, is distorted by the fact that the group was floated only last spring. On an adjusted basis, profits were up 33 per cent and turnover 13 per cent. Occupancy rates n London rose from 78.9 to 82.5 per cent. Average room rates rose from £69.53 to £79.33. From next month, the

Gloucester, Bailey's Chelsea and Britannia hotels in London will be rebranded as Millennium hotels in an attempt to actively market the brand as a four-star presence in big cities. An interim dividend of

2.8p per share, an increase from 0.7p, will be paid.

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Ex-carpenter sells hotels for £46m

BY FRASER NELSON

RAY HORNEY, a former carpenter who set up the Saint James Beach Hotels group in Barbados, is to pocket £28 million by agreeing to sell the company to a Guernsey investment fund for £46.4 million.

Elegant, set up by an unregulated fund managed by Cabot Square Capital, has tabled an agreed 200p per

share offer for the four hotels which Mr Horney bought after selling his electrical business 14 years ago.

Mr Horney, now 61, said he will use the money to set up another company which he intends to float on the stock market. He said: "There is no question of my retiring. I have brought two companies to the stock market, and it would be nice to do the same with a third." He bought the hotels for £8 million raised from selling Rayfit Supreme Holdings, a formerly quoted electrical retailing business which he had founded by hiring out washing machines in Sussex after giving up carpentry at the

He said: "I bought them as real estate. They were in a terrible condition, and my original intention was to do them up and make some money selling them on. But after a while, I

realised that the hotel business was very similar to the retail business, so I stuck with it."

The company was brought to the market in 1994 at 120p a share, raising E10 million through placings.

Elegant is understood to have arranged contracts providing holiday accommodation for British Airways crew in the four Barbadian hotels. St James shares jumped 8p to 198p.

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Wall Street tumble puts the skids under London

SHARE prices in London endured a helter-skelter session but stayed above the 5,000 level, if only just.

This came after an overnight setback for Wall Street that saw the Dow Jones industrial average tumble 100 points followed by a 153-point turnaround in volatile trading

yesterday. At one stage the FTSE 100 index was down 75 points before rallying to reduce the deficit to just 25 points by midafternoon. But with the Dow fluctuating in early trading. the index again drifted off, dipping below the 5,000 level before closing 72.2 down at 5,003.6. Selling pressure proved light and by the close fewer than 800 million shares

Leading shares suffered notable losses, including ICI, down 49p at £10.5012.
Bardays, 33p at £14.0812. BOC Group, 23p at £11_22 and RMC, 46p at £10.68.

One casualty of Royal Bank of Scotland's proposed £600 ingham Midshires was Sun Life and Provincial Its shares ended the session 11p lower at 3701ap after Midshires announced it was ending its five-year appointed representative agreement. Sun said the agreement accounted for 5 per cent of new husiness.

Royal Bank dropped 1312p to 612p after placing 33.36 million shares with Scottish Widows at 60lp. It raises Scottish Widows stake to 40.3 million, or 4.69 per cent.

It was the luck of the Irish for Norwich Union as the price rose 1312p to 334p ahead of the start of trading in the shares on the Dublin Stock Exchange. Several marketmakers were known to have been bidding 334p early for much needed stock.

Securicor was a dull market, losing op at 2941ap after it emerged that the group had been drawn into a dispute with AMS Management Sys tems. AMS says it has begun withdrawing from a project designed to provide a new billing system for Cellnet, the mobile phone operator where BT owns 60 per cent and Cellnet the remaining 40 per cent. Cellnet said it would be taking a hit of £16 million as a result of the dispute.

There was further heavy with the price firming Ip to 475'2p after NatWest Securi-



Copyright leapt 18p on hopes of Star Wars rights deal

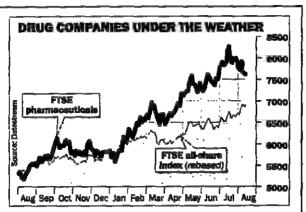
ties, the broker, issued a circular on the shares. Landround enjoyed a confident start to trading on AIM after a placing at the 80p level. The travel promotions group

opened at \$512p and touched 9512p before closing at 9412p, a premium of 1412p.

Storehouse firmed 2p to 221p amid claims that Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, had upgraded its

recommendation for shares to "outperform". The Times was unable to confirm the story after being told by Goldman that it "did not have anyone covering the UK (stores), at present".

ISL, the sports and media marketing group, has snapped up a 22 per cent stake in Copyright Promotions, the group that holds the market-ing rights to the Star Wars



Shares in the drug companies fell sharply, with Glaxo Wellcome down 49p to £12.26, Zeneca 60p to £18.86½ and SmithKline Beecham 132p to £11.38. slide followed claim that brokers are worried about generic competition. Peter McDougall at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, reckons that is "humbug". The real reason, he adds, relates to a

change of sentiment towards US drug companies.
"A wall of cash has pushed up prices world-wide." he said. "We've jacked up stocks to levels

even the market is scared of. We are paying 25 times earnings next year for every drug on earth. The first dent is being made in that wall of cash."

Since the end quarter, when US drug shares, reached their peak, prices have fallen by about 10 per cent. That trend is

Mr McDougali adds "It's introduced a dose of opportunity to look for better value. Perhaps we have overlooked cheaper

move may lead to a full bid being made. Copyright responded to the move with a leap of 18p at 10512p.

Speaking to The Times from the South of France, David Williams, chairman of Copyright, said; "The partnership with the Trocadero had not worked out, I've been looking round for a partner we can work with. We will be developing a relationship as the months go by."

He also said he was conscious of the fact it had been a disappointing performance from Copyright. Trocadero, which announced the sale of its stake earlier this week, was unchanged at 24p.

Burford Holdings, the property group headed by Nigel Wray and Nick Leslau, slipped 1'2p to 117'2p after selling its remaining holding in Grantchester Holdings.

¹2p lighter at 143¹2p. Newcastle United was ¹2p lighter at 1321ap after signing John Barnes on a free transfer from Liverpool.

Metal Bulletin, the cashrich financial information publisher, climbed 6212p to £10.6212 as several directors, including chairman Trevor Tarring, added to their holding. Brokers say an institutional buyer has also helped to push the price higher.

A profits warning left Highbury House Communications ip lower at 7p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: A sell-off among US Treasury bonds rounded off a volatile session for the London bond market.

Prices had been marked lower in early trading but took heart from the Bank of En-gland's inflationary report and then proceeded to follow US Treasury bonds higher after release of the PPI and retail sales numbers. But it never looked like lasting. Prices came off the boil and closed near their lows.

In the futures pit, the Sep fell E1332 to £1141132 as 80,000 contracts were completed. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was

E1832 down at £109916, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks off at £102s. NEW YORK: Shares continued to be volatile, with two sharp reversals lifting the Dow Jones industrial average off lows in morning trading. By midday it was 18.12 lower at 7,942.72, having been to

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Fixing the cable

has resembled a ski slope - and it's been downhill all the way. The cable and construction group has often seemed about to turn the corner, only to hit fresh disappointments.

Alan Jones, the saviour of Westland who helicoptered into the BICC hot seat two-and-ahalf years ago, was talking about having virtually completed the necessary rationalisation as recently as March. Yet within two months he was made to look foolish by worsening losses in Germany and a remarkable collapse of business in Italy, where the state-owned energy company decided to save money before its privatisation by cancelling orders for power cable.

The company seems finally to have recognised that it makes little sense maintaining its cable empire in Germany if it cannot make shares look good value at 1622p.

SINCE early 1994, BICC's share price graph has resembled a ski slope — and it's been from the likes of Alcatel and Siemens. An exit via joint venture or disposal looks likely.

Darkening the City's gloom is the growing worry over the dividend, with the yield now nudging towards 10 per cent.

For all that, BICC is doing most of the right

things, investing more in telecommunications and data cables, and reducing its dependence on the lower margin power cable business. This is taking time, and it will be the end of next year before telecoms and data make up half the total cable business. Meanwhile, BICC remains adamant it can at least double the margins (that makes 3 per cent, mind) on Balfour Beatty's £800 million UK construction business. For patient investors prepared to wait for the City's gloom to dissipate, the

Ind Insurance

THE hardest question with Independent Insurance is whether the company can sustain its remarkable performance - and whether investors can afford to pay the premium price for its shares. The company's share price has more than trebled.

Michael Bright, the chief executive, could scarcely have sent a clearer signal of his own confidence, yesterday spending nearly \$1 million to increase his holding in the

group to 5.5 per cent. What is no longer at doubt is that Independent is different, being wholly committed to the profitable underwriting that its larger rivals merely talk about. Mr Bright once again yesterday took a sideswipe at the lax practices of many of its rivals. Independent, meanwhile, produced its commercial account, a notable feat given the market.

Fortunately, for investors, Mr Bright is not indulging in the price cutting, market grabbing behaviour of his

Distinguished initially by the way it works closely with brokers, Independent's latest

persuading business customers to sign up for three or five years of cover, giving them certainty over their insurance costs. Remarkably, after a slow start, Independent is securing premium rates above the rest of the

The management record means the shares remain a



Millennium & Copthorne

an underwriting account on

THE stock market has recently punished hoteliers because of worries about a future oversupply of rooms. Rising interest rates and the strong pound's deterrent effect on foreign tourists has also trimmed their sails in a traditionally strong part of

Millennium & Copthorne argues that its focus on conferences leaves it less exposed than others to consumer fluctuations. Sixty per comes from within the UK. That limits the worries about the strong pound, but it still leaves 40 per cent of the business at risk.

Encouragingly, the strong interim results yesterday were achieved in spite of refurbishment disruptions and without the help of a

Euro 96-type event this year.

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was in the running for Radisson SAS hotels turned out to be wide of the mark. What he will move for now isuncertain: his reputation for speed sits uneasily beside his commitment not to dilute his stake by any radical expansion for another year. Up 10p

pians. Rumours suggesting the Singaporean billionaire

Games Workshop GAMES WORKSHOP is an

unlikely City wonderstock tic and metal, paint-themyourself toy soldiers — a concept that has been about for centuries. And kids still love them. So much so, that the com-

pany has delivered earnings growth averaging 26 per cent over the past five years, and is promising the same or beting its toy army overseas.
The shares sit on a pro-

easy to replicate and come from a design library with 20 to 378 2p yesterday, shares are fair value. years of work. Toy giants seldom worry about teenage

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Competition is a distant

threat. Its products are not

diversifications.

edge off growth, but its overseas sales are made at higher this is a minor concern. If the toy soldiers do fail from grace, they are more likely to be victims of beer, girls and cars, with a new generation of kids coming up behind.

The company has a strong hold on a proven market. Even after yesterday's in-crease, the shares are 22 per ter for the next five by march-cent off this year's peak. Buy.

EDITED BY PAUL DURMAN

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ore Britons now smoke cigarettes than in 1994, Laccording to one of the more surprising surveys that see daylight at this time of year. After quizzing 25,000 people, Mintel, a prominent market research group. projects that there are now, 13 million users; up 2's per cent Numbers had shronk over two decades, at up to 500,000 a year.

Such projections can be misleading, even on a big sample, but. something embarrassing seems to be happening. It is not that more youngsters are taking up ciga-rettes. Fewer than usual in the 35-44 age group are giving them up. especially among women and m groups that marketing folk categorise as affluent.

One trendy explanation might be that after much vilification, smokers have become a selfidentifying minority group with their own culture. That would make them worth catering for: after the pink pound the fingerstained pound. Even sub-minorities might attract marketing strategists, those of us who smoke

Drugs certainties go up in smoke

pipes being perhaps a key target audience for disposable paper carpet slippers or burial plans. Such a trend is already evident in America but not yet here, except among would-be sophisticates.

An alternative explanation is that more middle-class, middle-aged people face routine siress, especially women working their way up in a hostile world. Nicotine is heligiated him many a more resolvent. is believed by many smokers to offer short-term relief from stress. as well as aiding concentration.

In spite of all the successful campaigning, more people seem prepared to live with a proven. major long-term health hazard because they want short-term relief from stress. The natural reac-tion from health campaigners. who count the huge cost, was that efforts must be redoubled, both to prevent young people taking up the habit and to badger existing smokers to break their addiction.

If stress is increasing, however, the demand for all sorts of supposedly relaxing, energising or mind-alter-ing drugs is also likely to rise. No "statistics" about unrecorded crime are credible. But it is safe to say that trade in illegal drugs has become so widespread that it is now the key cause of much street crime, robbery and burglary as well as gangland crime.

To fulfil its pledge to be tough both on crime and the causes of trime, the Government is bound to treat the illegal drugs trade as a high priority. Predictably, three months after taking office, it has been faced with renewed demands for a Royal Commission on illegal drugs to think the politically unthinkable for it. There is, at least, much to be said for talking the politically unthinkable. Do not sion would opt to legalise cannabis and amphetamines, which ac-



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counted for 90 per cent of drug seizures last year, or "ecstasy", claimed to be teenagers' favoured, disaster-prone recreational drug. always have tensions between

puritan attitudes, now so evident in the treatment of tobacco and alcohol, and libertarian views

usually just fight each other to a standstill. Puritans insist on ever stiffer laws. Libertarians ensure that they cannot be enforced

An economic approach might break the deadlock. Taxes have certainly helped to cut tobacco sales among under-aged schoolchildren and families with big mortgages. But the impact is limited. Demand for tobacco and alcohol is insensitive to price. That makes tax a great revenue-earner labout £9 billion a year from tobacco alone) but a poor deterthe European Union no longer have so strong a monopoly on taxes. High-value items can be moved easily and often legally across borders. But there is hope. The success of unleaded petrol shows that differential tax rates on similar products can make a powerful impact on demand.

most users to afford and because high profits generate physical competition to defend supply monopolies. For legalisation to cut crime, it would have to slash prices heavily. Over that range, price would certainly affect demand and some people who eschew drugs because of the law would also buy.

Use of legalised drugs would rise strongly. Such drugs are banned because they are reckoned to be dangerous to health or as dangerous to society as opium proved in China. In America, two states have tried to avoid this dilemma. After a campaign bankrolled by George Soros, bogey man of the foreign exchanges. they have passed laws allowing cannabis, and in one case other drugs, to be prescribed for "medicinal purposes", like the dowa-

Many harmful drugs, such as tobacco and alcohol, also have medicinal benefits. But that fools no one. These are attempts to cut prices while maintaining control. As such they are interesting experiments but will still probably raise consumption.Before acting, governments should investigate the relative dangers of drugs, their different forms and chemical substitutes. Once that is done, taxes could be changed to create big differentials between more and less dangerous forms of legal drugs such as tobacco. If some illegal drugs were found to be safer than alcohol and tobacco, or no more dangerous overall, competitive production might be allowed. even if distribution is controlled.

Only a few inconvenient things are clear. Society is unlikely to become less stressful. In the absence of religion, many adoles-cents and insecure folk of all ages will want some form of drug to help them cope. All such drugs will to some degree be dangerous. And even in this fraught byway, it is

The self-help sisterhood ready to invite Britons into its embrace

Ian Brodie on

a US grouping that nurtures

the talents of

high-achieving businesswomen

op British business women are to be invited to join a club so have heard of it. It is a selfhelp sisterhood, based in America, called The Committee of 200, an association of Women who are corporate executives or who run their own firms. To qualify, corporate executives must direct a division with \$50 million (£31million) in annual sales. Women running their own companies must have a minimum of \$10 million in sales.

In Britain, the bar for corporate candidates will be lowered to sales of \$30 million (£19million), the limit for entrepreneurs stays at \$10 million.

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C200 for short, has quietly grown from 200 to 370 members since its unheralded founding 15 years ago. Among the brightest stars are Ann Fudge, president of Maxwell House Coffee, Ellen Gordon, president of Tootsle Roll Industries, the largest lollipop maker in the world, Elaine La Roche, Morgan Stanley's first female managing director, and Nina McLemore, who transformed an accessories unit for the Liz Claiborne

apparel empire. C200 has a proud record of sharing expertise, not only among themselves but with would-be executives who are just starting. Marcia Radosevich is such a beneficiary. An expert on health policy. she formed a health-care software company in Massachusetts six years ago and tapped into C200 for help in going public. She was awarded C200's Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year prize, giving her a one-year membership and unlimited access to the combined know-how of the members. They advised her on how to launch and promote her company. HPR inc, and







From left: Anita Roddick, of Body Shop, Marjorie Scardino, of Pearson, and Ann Iverson, of Laura Ashley

WHEN the membership lists open for the British chapter of this club for female high-flyers, the entry qualifi-cations will have to be less stringent than those in the US, or it will be a highly exclusive organisation. Women are still rarities at the top of

British quoted companies. Certainties to be on the guest list for the official opening will be Marjorie Scardino, chief executive of Pearson, and Ann Iverson, chief executive of Laura Ashley. Ironically, the duo both hail from the United States. Anita Roddick is the most obvious home-grown candidate but she reached the heights by launching her own business, Body Shop.

They are all likely to support the principle of encouraging other women to join their ranks and reach for the top. The chances are that Ann Iverson, who is fighting against disastrous trading results at Laura Ashley, might also enjoy a little of the moral support that joining such an organisation can bring.

is listed on the Nasdaq exchange with a value of \$320 million. It has 180 employees and new offices opening around the US, As chairman and chief executive, Ms Radosevich has a salary of \$250,000 and has joined C200

yearly dues are \$1,200. Nancy Peterson, mother of six children, says C200 is her "good of girls network". She is chief executive of Peterson Tool Company in Nashville, makers of precision-cutting tools for Ford, General Motors and other mass producers of metal parts. It is, she admits, an unusual line of work for a woman boss, but she has been there since 1979 when she was forced to conceal the sudden death of her husband and take

dominated business that I was convinced we'd lose our customers if they found out that a woman with no track record was running the firm," she says. So she and the staff kept quiet about the loss of John Peterson, who had died of cancer just five weeks after being diagnosed. Mrs Peterson let six months pass before breaking the news to clients. By then, all had to admit that the firm's high engineering

standards had not suffered. Mrs Peterson says she often finds it is lonely at the top. That is when she most appreclates the inspiration she draws from C200. "I go to the meetings and get my fix. I come back energised by these women who have been there Thanks to all the help, HPR charge. "It was such a male- and done that. I know that I

mind, but is not disclosing any can, too." Another member, Harriet Mouchly-Weiss, renames because none of them calls her difficulties with parthas yet been invited. ners when she was setting up She agreed there were al-Strategy 21, her Manhattan PR and consulting agency.

C200 members gave her the

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agement, you really listen,"

The chairman for C200's

recruiting drive in Britain is

the one member already living

in London, Peggy Czyzak-Dannenbaum, who runs

CDM Holdings, investors in small, high-quality food busi-

nesses. A seminar to explain

C200 to potential British mem-

bers will be held in April. She

already has a guest list in

she said.

ready groups for successful women in Britain. They include Forum UK, to which she belongs, that draws its members from all walks of life. But she said that there was nothing comparable to C200's exclusive focus on businesswomen and on helping younger women to be successful in business.

C200's international chairman, Henrietta Holsman Fore, who runs a firm making supporting frameworks for buildings in Las Vegas, said that another purpose of the proposed British branch was to reinforce the committee's international strength in an

world. For the same reason, an Asian group will be launched later this year in Hong Kong. From the start, C200 has

excluded men. Mrs Holsman Fore explained: "When we began there were many venues in which men could meet one another, but a women's network was lacking. There was something unique about a woman's perspective that we thought we could capture in a women's organisation." In time she hoped that there might be no need for allwomen or all-men organ-isations. But for 15 years our camaraderie has been remarkable," she said.

Ms Radosevich tries to hire women executives for her software company but cannot find a sufficient supply of them with the talents she needs. C200 is the only single-gender group she has ever joined. Yet she feels there is a strong case for limiting membership to women, given their bleak statistics in the upper echelons of the workforce - only two women chief executives in all the Fortune 500 companies and women comprising only 10 per cent of their boards of directors.

Ms Radosevich said: "There are still so shockingly few women in executive positions in large corporations that many of us are starting our own companies simply to have more freedom as entrepreneurs." She believed C200's doctrine of helping one another had fully justified the vision of its founders there's advice I wouldn't feel as comfortable calling some guy to ask for".

Still, C200 is trying to grow beyond being simply a club for massaging egos and needs. Efforts are going into ensuring the younger generation is ready when the baton is passed. C200 members are expanding their appearances before women graduating from leading business colleges; they are formalising a mentoring programme for young women in business; they are looking at ways women can promote philanthropy around the world and how members can perpetuate their legacy by endowing

chairs for entrepreneurship. C200 will also focus on an advertising campaign in the hope of building momentum around the message that business is good for women and women are good for business.

Regional airport sector poised for take-off

Mark Court finds that progress is not without problems for the likes of Luton

ost people living near Heathrow and Gatwick airports feel harrassed by aircraft noise and appailed by the thought of new runways. In contrast, regional airports illicit quite different feelings. The people of Luton, Liverpool, Cardiff and a host of other towns and cities are filled with civic pride at having an airport near their

Apart from local support, these airports, from the grandly named Bournemouth International to Scotland's Prestwick, are enjoying booming business. The momentum is coming simply from the rapidly growing number of passengers opting for air travel. The trend was confirmed yesterday when BAA — which handled a total of 10.2 million passengers in July - the highest number of passengers it has recorded in a single month. Regional airports are also reporting record growth although, unlike BAA, their problem is investing to keep up

with passenger growth. But these airports, many of which are owned by local authorities, are proving as popular with the private sector as they are with local residents. Luton airport, run by its local council and handling more than two million passengers a year, has had a "very high level of interest" in its search for a private sector partner to run

the airport. The council turned to the private sector because it wants to spend £170 million over the next five years on a new taxiway, terminal and additional aircraft parking spaces.

But the hunt for cash to improve the airport has ended in a high-profile row with Easylet, the bargain basement airline that provides Luton with the bulk of its business. Stelios Haii-Ioannou, EasyJet's founder, the 30-year-old son of a Greek shipping tycoon. wants to run the airport himself but the council has barred him becasue of the "conflict of

interest in an airline taking over an airport". Haji-loannou is threatening to switch an unspecified amount of his cheap-and-cheerful operation to Liverpool, where the airport boasts just 625,000 passengers a year. The row looks more like sabre-rattling than an ultimatum. As John Kingsford, Luton airport's marketing director, said: "Our future is together in my view and I think EasyJet

understands that." EasyJet was already in negotiations with Liverpool as part of Haji-Ioannou's expansion plans before the rebuffal from Luton. Robin Tudor, Liverpool airport's commercial manager. said: "We are having lengthy talks with them for doing business out of Liverpool."

Some believe Luton would be better off without EasyJet. One "EasyJet is not the best idea for the airport because they are not putting money back in because the EasyJet idea is turn up, get on and fly. Luton's charter operators, Britannia and Debonair have longer check-in times so people go around shops, pubs and restaurants spending money.

uton is particularly well placed to take advantage of the squeeze on charter flights currently taking place at Gatwick. The consultant said: "The charters cannot hold on to Gatwick for much longer be-cause the scheduled carriers will want their slots. The natural move for the charters will be

to Stansted and then Luton." Expansion of the regional airports will bring lengthy public inquiries and ministerial decisions. But this is taking place in a political vacuum.

A Labour source said: "Within the party there was a big debate about what the line on regional airports should be. The result is that aviation will not be mentioned in the integrated transport policy document due out next Thursday. It should be addressed now before charter flights are priced out of the market with inevitable political consequences."

Board games

MICHAEL JACKSON is to join the board of the Royal Bank of Scotland. No. not that one. I mean the £270,000-a-year chief executive of the Birmingham Midshires.

However, if he is to become a board member of a pic he may have 10 become a little less economical avec l'actualité. At the Building Societies Association conference last year, Jackson strenuously denied that the society had approached the West Bromwich about a takeover.



Nick Leeson will be unable to apply for a new BSc for whiz-kids

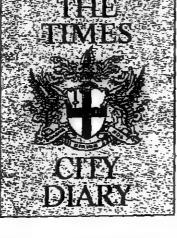
Within hours he was forced to recant through a spokesman, who described the earlier statement as "nonoperational".

Jackson may also resolve to have better relations with his finance directors. One, Barry Cameron Small, held the post for just a few months two years ago. Last year, he was found dead in a fume-filled car. His widow claimed that he had personality clashes with Jackson. although this was not treated as the cause of his death. Smail was succeeded by Stephen Bright, who also left after a short period.

• AFTER the events at Chelmsford during the NatWest Trophy semi-final this week. City wags are starting to suggest that the crisis-torn clearing bank can't even organise a cricket match without a fight breaking

Go direct

FORMER directors of Barings should head to the City University Business School where there are six places going a begging on a new three-year BSc course entitled Investment and Financial Risk Management. Paul Dawson, the former director of stockbrokers Granville &



Co who runs the course, tells me he wanted to call the degree a "Bachelor of Rocket Science* so he could attract the sort of whiz-kids who go off and earn millions trading derivatives in all parts of the City apart from NatWest Markets.

However the degree was not included in UCAS course listings for this year so City did not get the level of applications it hoped. Now Dawson is fretting that the places will be filled with rejects from other universities who had disappointing grades and are looking for places through the clearing system.

So he is appealing for direct applications and tells me that anyone turning up at his offices in the Barbican on Friday afternoon will be interviewed - and even offered a place - not even go to a football match with-

on the spot. Alas Nick Leeson cannot get day release from Changi jail. • THERE may be chaos in the

boardroom at Únited Utilities as Sir Desmond Pitcher clings on to power by his fingertips but the company presses on trying to bolster its pummelled image. United is embarking on a consultation in conjunction with Opinion Leader Research on its social responsibilities, asking the movers and shakers how the business should behave in certain areas. One is its responsibility to employment. No doubt a certain Brian Staples would like to make a contribution.

In the soup

BAD NEWS for Giles Shepard, managing director of the Ritz Hotel. Not only is he losing his executive chef. David Nicholls, who is replacing Marco Pierre White at the Hyde Park Hotel, but the AA says his departure means the Ritz Restaurant will lose its coveted rosette despite the new chef, Giles Thompson, having won a rosette at his last berth, Danesfield House. It appears the AA rosette is not transferable and the Ritz and Thompson have to be assessed again. Sounds like a good job for someone at the AA.

Hot seats

MY old mate Stephen Hinchliffe can-

out causing a furore. We reported the other week that the former boss of Facia, the collapsed retailing group, was sueing Mike McDonald, the Sheffield United chairman, over the sale of a 10 per cent stake in the club. Now McDonald has got his own back, banning Hinchliffe, a former deputy chairman of the club, and three of his friends from the directors' box. Hinchliffe is now suing to be allowed back in, claiming that Me-Donald promised him the four seats in a deal struck last October. Personally. I would pay not to have to watch Sheffield United.

JASON NISSÉ



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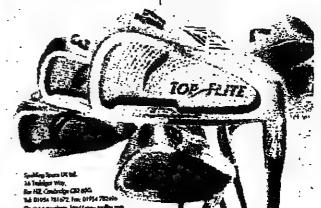
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ACCOUNTANCY

Turning principles into practice

Anthony Carey considers the latest

report on corporate governance

orporate governance should be more about the application of principles and less about box-ticking. Important though it is, this one conclusion in the preliminary report of the Hampel Committee on Corporate Governance has pushed the other 49 recommendations on matters such as enhancing the effectiveness of boards, setting directors' remuneration and improving AGMs into the background.

The most significant recommendations deal with the structure, membership and working practices of boards. This rightly recognises that the primary responsibility for good governance lies squarely around the boardroom table. The directors can prevent problems arising whereas shareholders and auditors are, by contrast, much more likely to become involved once problems exist.

Hampel suggests that boards should consider introducing procedures to assess their collective performance as well as that of individual directors. While not supporting diversity for its own sake, the report argues that people from a wider range of backgrounds than currently represented on boards could make a real contribution as non-executive directors. It stops short of recommending a firm rule against combining the positions of chairman and chief executive hut acknowledges

that these are distinct functions, generally best kept sepajustify a decision to bring them together. Stronger support for keeping the two roles apart, accepted as best practice in recent years by most leading companies, could have been offered, but the proposed new disclosure is welcome. Hampel also believes a lead non-executive director should be identified by all listed companies, an extension of Cadbury's recommendation that this appointment be made when the chair-

man is also the chief executive.

of non-executive directors needed. Cadbury recommends that there should be three, of whom two should be independent. Hampel remains silent on what constitutes an independent director, a topic on which guidance would be helpful. Taking account of the size of the board of most larger listed companies. Hampel, however, states that to be effective, nonexecutives should account for at least a third of total board membership. With this further safeguard in place, there may have been merit in reducing the minimum number of non-executives needed, a move that would have helped smaller listed companies. The proposal that all directors should seek re-election at the AGM at intervals not exceeding three



Anthony Carey highlights some of the concerns about Hampel

of the board's accountability to shareholders.

Disclosure of individual directors' remuneration packages together with the pension implications of pay increases, including their transfer values. is to continue. Hampel also advocates providing more meaningful general statements on remuneration policy and companies are told to be cautious about the way in which they use comparative studies of pay in other companies. They are furthermore urged to look

carefully at the detailed design of their incentive schemes to make sure that they fit the company's needs.

The practical suggestions for improving AGMs and increasing active shareholder participation include encouraging the adoption of the proposals set out in the Myners report for strengthening corporate links with institutional investors; making better business presentations at AGMs and eliminatnumber of disparate proposals

lution at the AGM. companies, most of Hampel's recommendations would improve the governance of corporate Britain. Whether this happens could depend on the outcome of the principles and box-ticking issue. The Hampel report indicates that it is generally accepted that the Cadbury code has led to better governance and that Greenbury's primary aim of full disclosure

being achieved.

It also emphasises the need for broad principles to be established and says that flexibility in the interpretation of code provisions will sometimes be justified. The critical unanswered question, however, is the future relationship between the existing Cadbury and Greenbury codes and the new proposed principles. A consolidation of these three elements into a single set of principles and code is promised later in the year. If the principles are, in effect, added to the existing codes, making it harder to comply with their letter without also complying with their spirit, they will be an innovative addition to the present system. Some remain concerned. though, that the introduction of

existing codes and make them more vague. The devil, as always, is in the

the principles will dilute the

The author is secretary of the corporate governance group of the Institute of Chartered countants in England and

changes to the rules on the responsibilities of company boards are too onerous should take note of a tale from Eastern Europe. One UK adviser was taken aback at a recent effort by a gas company to take over a bank. "What," he asked diplomatically, "did the board of directors of a gas company know about banking?" And the irrefutable response:

Hampel suit cut from old flannel

rate governance the more you realise how much old flannel it is. And you also wonder whether the committee is quite as naive as it makes itself out to be, or whether it is simply

trying to see what it can get away with.

First we have yet another dose of the old blather about rules versus principles. "Good" corporate governance," says the report, "is not just a matter of prescribing particular corporate structures and complying with a number of hard and fast rules. There is a need for broad principles. All concerned should then apply these flexibly and with common sense to the varying circumstances of individual companies." Transfer the idea to road safety and you can see how stupid it

is. Everyone knows people should drive carefully and sensibly without endangering fellow road-users and should park in places that cause no obstruction. But we also know that unless there are specific rules to enforce those principles their objec-

tives can never be achieved. Hampel's committee should have dropped in on Sir David Tweedie, the chairman of the Accounting Standards Board. When he is faced with whingeing finance directors moaning that accounting standards should be short statements of principles without any extra specific rules he tenda to point out fairly sharply that the rules are there only because finance directors turn a blind eye to principles whenever it suits them. The same, as Hampel must well know, would happen on

corporate governance. In the very first lines of the report the committee shows how feeble the basis of its arguments are. "The importance of corporate governance lies in its contribution both to business prosperity and to accountability," is how it starts. "In the UK the latter has preoccupied much public debate over the past, few years to the detriment of the former. We would wish to

see the balance corrected." Is the committee seriously suggesting that the prosperity of a company is incompatible with its board of directors being accountable to the shareholders? And is it seriously suggesting that reducing a board's accountability will lead to an increase in prosperity? This is the sort of old nonsense that used to turn up in a chairman's jovial prose when no one paid any attention to what the old charlatan said in the annual report and accounts. And then

THE more you read and think about the Hampel committee's draft report on corpouse of the word "effective" when talking about internal controls. If it wasn't so important this part of the debate would be seen as farcical. Whenever anyone has recommended, as Cadbury did, that a board of directors should not only satisfy themselves that they had an effective system of internal controls in place but should also tell the shareholders, everyone throws their arms in the air and pretends this would be

The report gets to the heart of the matter. Completely deadpan it states that "the word 'effectiveness' has proved difficult both for directors and auditors in the context of public reporting". It might be more accurate to say that it has proved embarrassing rather than "difficult". It is supposed to be difficult. It is a board of directors stating clearly that, as far as it knows, the company's risk-management processes are up to scratch. It is not an easy thing to which to put your signature. But

being a director of a public company carries responsibil-ities and accountability. And such affirmations to your shareholders should not be possible to sidestep. Yet this is exactly what Hampel rec-ommends. The report suggests the "effectiveness element should be dropped. This would recognise what is happening in practice and seems eminently sensible." It may seem eminently sensible to Hampel, but such comfy old boardroom practices are what have got us into the fine mess that the Cadbury committee was

ROBERT charged with clearing up. The committee should be BRUCE congratulated on one thing. It has expanded the scope of

internal controls that should come under the code's guidance. Whereas Cadbury, by dint of its brief, limited its work to internal financial controls, Hampel recommends the rules should apply to all relevant control objectives, which should "include business risk assessment and response, financial management, compliance with laws and regulations and the safeguarding of assets,

ncluding the minimising of fraud". These are areas that have come to be egarded as the heart of a company's systems. It is patently ridiculous to then suggest that directors should not have to report back to shareholders on their effectiveness. But then that is the Hampel committee all over. It should be disbanded and a body with a bit of backbone appointed.

Fear and loathing

UNCERTAINTY is rife in Moorgate Place. HQ of the English ICA. The short lease that the institute had on the adjoining offices runs out soon and, despite the fashion being for central offices rather than relocation to faraway leafy places, the institute is intent on banishing its staff to Milton Keynes. This is causing more than a bit of consternation,

particularly among people on the practice regulation side. Raymond Fear, head of practice regulation and one of the highest paid institute staff. faces a confusing commute from Guildford to the futurist wilds of Buckinghamshire, for example. Not for nothing are they saying that Fear and loathing stalk the corridors of

years is a useful strengthening

newsletter, "and assuming a 7 Fag policy per cent investment return, he should be able to accumulate a THE enterprising financial advisers at Norton Partners in fund of £38,000 after ten years and be healthy enough to enjoy the proceeds." It makes a change from index-tracking. Bristol dreamt up a new savings plan. A client gave up smoking and was persuaded to

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Lucky generals PEOPLE who worry that the Hampel committee's proposed

not acquire any estate or interest in

"They have some very good generals on the board."

ROBERT BRUCE

Court of Appeal No fiduciary relationship

Court of Appeal Grantor without title cannot create tenancy

Bruten v London and Quadrant Housing Trust Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Millett and Sir Brian Neill

Hudgment July 31 it was not possible for a granter who was known to have no title and who agreed to grant no more than a licence nevertheless to bring into being a tenancy by estoppel if he excluded himself and those claiming through him from

The Court of Appeal so stated (Sir Brian Neill dissenting) in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of Gary Broton against the order of June 28, 1996 of Judge James at Lambeth County Court, where on the trial of a preliminary issue, he held that Mr Bruton occupied premises as a licensea and not as a tenant.

London and Quadrant Housing Trust housed temporary homeless in short life properties under a licence granted by Lambeth Council. Mr Bruton had signed an agreement with the trust to occupy a self contained flat in one such property. He argued before the Mr David Watkinson for Mr Bruton: Mr Terence Gallivan for the housing trust.

SIR BRIAN NEILL dissenting. said that he regretted being unable to agree especially as their Lord-ships' solution to a difficult probappeared both socially desirable and entinently sensible. His Lordship could not distinguish the case from the general principle laid down in *Street v* Mountford (1985) AC 809. Not could be circumvent Family Hous-

ing Association v Jones ([1990] (WLR 779). Mr Watkinson had submitted that it was accepted that the trust had a lesser interest in the premises than a tenancy and that accordingly it could not itself estoppel: that a tenancy by estopere the grantor had no estate in the land, indeed it was of the estate in the land: that the fact that

Secretary of State for Trade

and Industry v Carter and

Those preparing and swearing

affidavits in support of applica-tions under the Company Direc-

tors Disqualification Act 1986 should be careful to distinguish

establish by direct evidence, the

inferences which they invited the

court to draw from those facts, and

matters which were said to

amount to unfitness on the part of

no estate did not prevent a tenancy by estoppel arising.

That estoppel was not a species

of estoppel by representation but depended upon the fundamental principle of the common law which precluded a grantor from disputgrant: that the estoppel could arise even where it had not been fed by the subsequent acquisition by the grantor of an estate in the land; that it was therefore necessary to examine the nature of the grant to establish whether or not the "badges" of a tenancy were present: see Street v Mountford (at p819F); that any express reserva-tion to the landlord of limited rights to enter and view the state of the premises and to repair and maintain the premises only served to emphasise the fact that the grantee was entitled to exclusive Street v Mountford (at p818C); that the matter was put beyond doub by the decision in Family Housing Association v Jones. That was a formidable argument and his Lordship would have concluded that it should succeed.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT sald that the case raised a familiaproblem in an unusual setting. The question was whether a document to occupy residential accommoda-tion nevertheless took effect in law

as the grant of a tenancy. The feature which distinguished the present case from the common-place was that the grantor had, and was known to the granter to have, no title to the land.

The case was thus located at the intersection of two settled prin-The first was that the grant of exclusive possession of land for a

tenancy: Street v Mountford (1985) The second was that the grantor of an interest in land was estopped from disputing the validity or effect of his own grant. A man who purported to grant a tenancy was not permitted to deny that he had done so by asserting his own want of title. If he had none, the grant

Setting out reasons why

director is unfit

Mr Justice Neuberger so stated

in the Chancery Division on July 9 in adopting observations by Mr Justice Chadwick in In re

Pinemoor Ltd (unreported, Octo-

HIS LORDSHIP said that in

proceedings under the 1996 Act the purpose of the liquidator's evi-

dence was (i) to place before the

court the facts which the liquidator had established as a result of

ber 8, 1936).

claimed through him, although it could not of course bind those with a superior title.

invest the cost of his 50 fags a

day in a monthly plan. "We cal-

culate that by putting away the

total savings," says the latest

The question on the appeal was whether those two principles could be combined so that a grantor who had, and was known to have, no title, and who therefore agreed to grant no more than a licence, nevertheless brought into being a tenancy by estoppel if he excluded himself and those claiming through him from possession.

Templeman gave only three examples of exceptional circumstances where the grant of exclusive possession did not create a tenancy: First, where the circumstances negatived any intention to create legal relations at all.

Second, where the possession of

the grantee was referable to some other legal relationship such as vendot and purchaser or master and servant. Third, where the grantor had no

power to create a tenancy, as in the case of a requisitioning authority. The first and third were not exceptions to a general rule see Camden London Borough Coun-cil v Shortlife Community Hous-

ing (1992) HLR 330). The relationship of (andlord and tenant was a legal relationship. It could not be brought into existence by an arrangement which was not intended to create legal relations at all or by a body which had no

ower to create it.

The existence of those two categories was due to the fact that the creation of a tenancy required the grant of a legal right to exclusive

The precise scope of the third category was, however, not clear. Was it confined to want of capacity or did it extend to want of title?

Lack of capacity to grant a tenancy would, of course, prevent the creation of a tenancy by estoppel, for the reasons given in Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries v Matthews (1950) 1 KB 148,

The reason a requisitioning authority could not grant a tenancy of the requisitioned land was not in his Lordship's judgment due to any want of vires. The cases did not suggest that the requisitioning authority lacked power to hold

ttention both of the court and of

the respondent those matters upon

in support of his allegation of

If those distinctions were ob-

served, it might lead to respon-

dents concentrating more closely

on those factual matters to which

they actually needed to respond by

affidavit under rule 6 of the

Insolvent Companies (Disqualification of Directors) Proceedings

land or to grant tenancles of land which it owned. The problem was that the requisitioning authority had no power to acquire and did

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the land which it requisitioned. In Lewisham Borough Council v Roberts (1949) 2 KB 608, ti22), the want of tide was due to the absence of any power to acquire title to the property under the relevant regulations; but the inability to grant a tenancy was due to the want of title.

If that were correct, then the third category of case where the grant of exclusive possession did not create a tenancy might not be limited to the case where the grantor had no capacity to grant a tenancy but might extend to the case where it had no estate or interest in the land which enabled it to do so. But that was not clearly demonstrated, for Lord Temple man did not have tenancies by estoppel in mind. It was necessary

His Lordship considered Goodtitle v Bailev ((1777) 2 Cowp 547); First National Bank v Thomson (1996) Ch 237): Morton v Woods ((1869) LR 4 QB 293). The docurine was therefore both peculiar and ancient.

It had sometimes been regarded as a special subspecies of estoppel by convention. His Lordship also referred to Grundt v Great Boulder Proprietary Gold Mines Ltd ([1938] 59 CLR 641, 676].

In the present case both parties knew that the trust had no title and could not grant a tenancy. That was not sufficient to prevent the creation of a tenancy by estoppel. But the trust did not purport to

grant a tenancy.

Tenancies by estoppel were developed at a time when title to land was doubtful and difficult to establish. They most frequently arose when the grantor's land was in mortgage. In such a case the defect in title

was technical and remediable and the parties could reasonably be supposed to be willing to disregard it. The circumstances of the present case were very different.

The trust had no title because the council had no power to grant it any. The case was, therefore, like that of the requisitioning authority but at the council to the counc thority, but at one remove. It was submitted that that was contrary to Street v Mountford.
The first step, it was said, was to construe the document in the light of that case and without regard to the fact that the trust had no title.

Despite the professed intention to create a licence, the document granted exclusive possession of the premises, and accordingly created a tenancy as between the parties. The trust's want of title did not affect the relationship as between them, though it prevented the tenancy being more than a tenancy

by estoppel.

That was a powerful and attract tive argument but in the end his Lordship was not persuaded by it. It seemed to his Lordship to

first and third of the exceptions in Street v Mountford and the basis of the doctrine of tenancy by

A tenancy was a legal estate. The essence of a legal estate was that it bound the whole world. The hallmark of a tenancy was the grant of excusive possession. In that con-text, therefore, exclusive possession meant possession to the exclusion of the whole world, not merely of the grantor and those claiming through him.

If the grantor had no power to exclude the true owner from possession, he had no power to grant a legal right to exclusive possession and his grant could not take effect

as a tenancy.
He might still be estopped from asserting his want of tide, and if so his grant would create a tenancy by estoppel. But a tenancy by toppel was not merely a particu lar species of tenancy which bound only the parties to it. It was firmly based on estoppel, and there could be no estoppel unless the grantor's denial of title was inconsistent with

the terms of his grant.
In his Lordship's judgment the two doctrines could not be combined in the way contended for. ally exclusive.

Street v Mountford rejected the ofessed intentions of the parties in favour of the true effect of the transaction. Estoppel by convention gave effect to the professed intentions of the parties.

Any attempt to combine them

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Kennington: Devonshires.

produced a hopeless circularity. Approached separately, they had distinct requirements which were not satisfied in the present case. His Lordship had not over-looked Family Housing Associ-ation v Jones [[1990] 1 WLR 779] approved by Lord Templeman in Westminster City Council v Clarke (1992) 2 AC 288). The facts of the earlier case were closely similar to the present. The arrangements were held to create a

tenancy. But the fact that the grantor had no title was not referred to in argument or the judgments and its significance have been paid to Indata. emed to have been overlooked. No consideration was given to the question whether the necessary Mr Michel Kallipetis, QC and Mr Paul Staddon for ACL: Mr conditions for a tenancy by estop-pel existed. In his Lordship's Michael Roberts for Indata.

judgment the court was not pre-cluded from considering those questions for itself. In his Lordship's opinion there was nothing in law to prevent a porty in possession of land but lacking any legal estate or interest in the land from granting a licence to permit another to occupy the land. Provided that the grantor made

it clear that it was a licence only and not a tenancy, the grant would Lord Justice Kennedy gave a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Millett.

lished in 1993 to provide training through government owned train-ing centres located throughout the United Kingdom and needed to

by receipt of information

ACL Ltd Before Lord Justice Simon Brown,

Lord Justice Otton and Mr Justice

|Judgment July 31 When a finance house with whom a broker was arranging finance for a client used confidential information provided by the broker as the basis for making an agreement directly with the client, thus cutting out the broker, the mere fact of the receipt of confidential information did not create a fiduciary relationship between the finance house and the broker so as to give

rise to fiduciary obligations.
However, a blatant disregard what should be commercial ethics and practice in the misuse of confidential information amounted to a breach of the equitable doctrine of confidence, and might also constitute the tort unlawful interference with

The Court of Appeal so held when ordering a reduction of damages, to be assessed, but dismissing an appeal by the defen-dant, ACL Ltd, from a decision of Judge Young sitting as a High Court Judge on February 1, 1996 whereby he had awarded damages of £53,520 to the plaintiff, indata

Equipment Supplies Ltd.
Indata's claim against ACL was, inter alia, for unlawfully breaching the duty of confidentiality owed by ACL to Indata by revealing to a client of Indata the level of Indata 28 commission. For unitiging the commission, for utilising the knowledge of the level of com-mission by offering the client a discount representing the whole or part of Indata's commission and for, in breach of ACL's duty of confidentiality and fiduciary duty to Indata, agreeing to provide finance to Indata's client at a reduced rate, which reduction was possible by reducing the com-mission which would otherwise

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that Indata operated as an in-dependent broker or intermediary arranging finance in the field of, inter alia, motor vehicles and computers. In the normal course of business, brokers received instruc-tions from clients to approach finance houses with a view to

providing the broker's clients with financial arrangements.

ACL was a company of the Standard Charter Group and its business included fleet vehicle management services and provid-ing finance and allied services. AST Training plc was estab-

Indata Equipment Supplies acquire finance for plant and Ltd (trading as Autofleet) v equipment. Indata had arranged finance for

AST to acquire new computers. In February 1994 AST needed to finance a new fleet of cars as its existing hire agreement with Lex

was due to expire. was due to expire.

AST approached Toyota and placed a provisional order. Toyota provided "on the road" prices to indata. Upon instructions from AST, Indata provided a quotation of the finance costs which was more competition, then that of more competitive than that of Toyota and was accepted on March 7. AST never queried the -Indata finance figures and made no effort to better the quote. On the same date. Mr Tarr. managing director of Indata, ap-proached Mr Pile of Standard Charter with a view to financing

the AST transaction. Indata did a considerable amount of business with Standard Charter.

Mr Pile passed on the introduction to ACL and Mr Gary Jeffries, a sales executive at ACL's Wokingham branch office, whereupon Mr Tarr passed to ACL important information concerning AST including their requirements and that the present arrangements and that the present arrangements with Lex were about to expire. Mr Pile specifically counselled Mr Jeffries against going behind Indata's back and cutting it out. In its appeal, ACL did not attempt to set aside the judge's adverse findings of fact against Mr Jeffries and acknowledged that his conduct was reprehensible. But ACL contended that, deplorable as his behaviour might have been, it

his behaviour might have been, i did not found any cause of action. Applying the principles in Lac Minerals Ltd v International Corona Resources Ltd (1990) FSR 441), a decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, his Lordship concluded that he could not support the judge's finding that there existed a finduciary relationship between the parties or a situation where fiduciary obligations were imposed upon ACL The relationship of broker to

inance house did not fall within the established categories already-recognised by the law. The parties were at all times at arms' length in the market. Neither had undertaken to act on behalf of or for the benefit of another. Their obligations to each other did not include the core duties of loyalty and fidelity. The nature of the information imparted

nature of the information imparted did not raise a presumption that fiduciary obligations arose. There was no particular voluntarily imparted the information to ACL. The fact that Mr. Jeffries behaved in such a disgraceful manner and that Mr. Tarr reposed confidence in him, which he manter not brave from itse which he would not have done if he had known the other's true in-tentions, was not sufficient to make

His Lordship accepted the sub-mission that there could not be a tion where the broker expected the finance house to earn a profit on its finance charges. The Lac Minerals case envisaged that where the essence of the complaint was misuse of confidential informa

tion, the appropriate cause of action lay in breach of confidence. Primarily, the profit margin and to a lesser degree the invoice price between indata and ACL were Items of confidential information That information was given to Jeffries in circumstances of confidence and was then misused by him for his own purposes and without Indata's consent

That plainly amounted to a breach of the equitable doctrine of confidence. The profit margin and the methodology of remuneration were confidential to Indata and Mr Jeffries misused that information to put forward another deal to.
AST. The judge did not fall into
error in concluding that there was
an actionable breach of confidence. His Lordship also held that the breach of confidence coupled with the ruthless conduct of Mr Jeffries would amount to unlawful means so as to establish the tort of unlawful interference with the

business interests of Indata. However, his Lordship did not agree with the judge's assessment of damages on a contractual basis, namely what Indata would have earned if ACL had purchased the vehicles from it rather than from

Toyota direct.

The correct measure of damages was on a tortious basis, namely, such sum as would have put the plaintiff into the position it would have been had it not been for the tort or breach of confidence. Mr Justice Owen delivered a

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said it seemed to him that the focus was hitherto too much on ACL's disclosure to AST of Indua's invoice prices of the vehicles to them, and altogether too little on ACL's misuse to their own ends of the information

communicated to them by Indata as to AST's precise financing requirements.

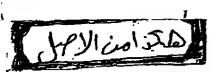
The former his Lordship had great difficulty in regarding as tortious, the latter was plainly so.

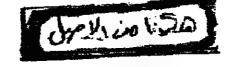
While, therefore, in the result he shared Lord Justice Otton's view that the appeal failed on the issue of liability because of ACL's breach

of confidence, he would place the factual emphasis differently.

His Lordship expressed no view on liability for the text of unlawful interference but agreed on the issue of fiduciary relationship and on the proper measure of

Solicitors: Eversheds, Cardiff; their relationship a fiduciary one. Nabarro Namanson.





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Lost in the Bermuda triangle of ideas

NEW MOVIES: Geoff Brown

finds that about all Speed 2 has in common with its hit predecessor is Sandra Bullock in the faing line

lings could be worse. I suppose. They could have set the sequel to 7-3 Speed on something ship, still not the niffiest mode of transport.

This is bizarre. The main virtue of Speed three summers ago was its careering pace, in synch with the bus wired to ignite if ever the speedometer fell below 50. But not even a vengeful hijacker played by
Willem Daine can persuade
the main prop in Speed 2:
Cruise Control to break maritime records as it roams the Caribbean waters. This httpry ship gleams. It glides. It nearl collides with an oil tanker: But it never moves quickly. Fault number one.

Fault number two is the ragbag of a plot, apparently put together from other mov-Jan De Bont and Randall McCormick with assistance from Sandra Bullock, who zoomed to stardom by driving the bus in the original. Once more we get the disgruintled employee inflicting a disproportionate revenge: connoisseurs may like to compare Daioe's peeved computer fellow with Eric Bogosian's missile genius in Under Siege 2 who hijacked a train and threatened to end the world if: he was not paid \$1 billion.

Another cliche is the fortu-tious presence of tough guysand gals off-duty. The line-up does not include Keanu Reeves, Bullock's original. team-mate, who declined to board the sequel. So it is left to Bullock to say the line "Oh no, this is my vacation, damn it," as Dafoe disables the ship's controls and throws the cap-

Poor thing, she was looking

forward to six days of sun and lounging about with Jeson Patric, a SWAT team member with marriage on his mind, who is trying to make amends. for keeping his dangerous job a secret. Now she has to show. spunk and muscle, get soaking wet, rescue a deaf girl trapped in a lift, wield a chainsaw, ride jet skis and be taken homage.

But no matter what mayhern Daioe stirs, Speed 2 never generales the excitement it should. For all the climax's spectacie and wreckage, and director De Bont's skill in cutting action to the bone, the action highlights plop into place mechanically. And characters are often scattered too far - on the ship, in the water,

They have difficulty enough striking sparks by themselves. We have seen too many gig-

or on a purloined speedboat -

for them to strike sparks off

as slow as a tank, or the back. a bilithed of legibles. Patric of a tortoise in fact, the percent through his self forward characters gather on a cruise insigh is to be medically heroic while hasking in Bullock's shadow. Bullock peddles her gut next door charm and ditty should have stayed a one off. ar after Speed 2 is like being transported to another planet. The differ-

> Speed 2: Cruise Control Odeon West End PG, 125 mins Dawdling sequel to the summer hit of 1994 The Cloud-Capped Star National Film Theatre 126 mins Compelling melodrama from India's

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setting — even though this Indian film from 1960 unfolds in a shanty town outside Calcutta — bur in the film-makers attitudes. Speed 2 was made to a formula that experience shows satisfies the crowds. This was not the way of Ritwik Ghatak, the combative director of The Cloud-Capped Star, who once dismissed cinema's mass audiences as "one great wall", a wall erected between his films and the appreciation of them.

Ghatak, a Marrost and Bengati patriot who drank himself to death in 1976, aged 50, also believed in cinema "as a weapon, as a medium to express my views. For Speed 2's speedsters, cinema is an amusement park ride transferred to the screen, and a medium for making money. Both views are valid. Cine-

ma is both arr and industry. Ghatak, in any case, was no out-end-out radical: The Cloud-Capped Star, which receives seven performances during a Ghatak tribute at the National-Film Theatre, draws sustenance from popular melodrama and Bengali myths. Nor did Ghatak stand alone. This is cinema at its most passionate and humane. You are forced to care for the

ences he not so much in the

Jason Patric gets himself into another fine mess as Speed Z's modest but superhuman hero, the role so memorably undertaken by Keanu Reeves in the far superior Speed

The eldest daughter in a family living in Calcutta since Bengal's dismemberment, Neetz weers herself down to keep them in funds. Mother -nags her. Pather walls. She abandons her education. She ioses her fiancé. One brother idles away his time waiting for fame as a singer; another suffers a factory accident. By the end, both have pulled through, but Neeta lies in a sanatorium, dying of tubercu-losis, crying to the hills: "I wanted to live!"

Supriya Choudhury tender and natural as, the story's sacrificial victim. But chiefly derives from Ghatak's control over image and sound. Anguished faces, light filtering through window blinds, adtrains, sheltering trees: every component is carefully positioned for emotional impact, although without any

Jularly boldly.
Sound effects slip out of synch with their images. Impassioned melodies float in and out. The music toys with folk traditions, but also finds room for percussive clatter and electric trills that to Western ears usually herald the arrival of a creature from

Not that Ghatak's art is in any way alien. He may be the product of a particular time and place: the Second World War and his country's partition fuelled his insistence that art relates to ordinary life,

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particularly the refugee experience. But he can leap over time and continents to connect with any questing audience. And his art is not all jagged. in The Cloud-Capped Star the eye is drawn to the throwaway details of Indian life: the BOAC airline bag slung round the singer's shoulder, indicating his worldly success; the curious advert - "Loma Darkens the Hair" - hung from a lamppost on a Calcutta

street. Why would a darkhaired nation need to buy this? Compared to Ghatak's fiery films, the Indian forays of the Merchant Ivory team cannot but seem flat-footed. To mark the 50th anniversary of India's independence, three of their productions are being re-reeased in new prints: the

engaging Shakespeare Wallah of 1965, based on the experiences of Felicity Kendal's family of travelling playthe hour-long Autobiography of a Princess (1982), the film that introduced us to Greta Scacchi, All offer thoughtful observations about the legacy of the British Raj. All benefit from finely modulated performances, while Heat and Dust, especially, glories in turbans, banqueting

feasts and glistening jewellery. But cinematically, Ivory of-fers nothing to match the excitements of Ghatak's experimentation. Any passion, like Scacchi's for the charismatic Nawab of Shashi Kapoor, is held in check. These may be films to admire. but they do not stir the blood.

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original Speed was funny, a little dark and had urgency by dull ride by comparison. Sarah Crook, 18: Very formulaic - even Sandra Bullock can't keep this affoat.



HEAT AND DUST Damian: Merchant Ivory films usually fall into two categories — fascinating and beautiful or dull and beautiful. This falls into the latter. Georgina: Greta Scaechi is absolutely divine in this typically stylish costume drama. Leslie: A much welcomed rerelease of a superbly made Sarah: Merchant Ivory at

their very best.

What they really did in their holidays

NEW ON

LOOKING FOR RICHARD Fox Guild, 12, 1996

AL PACINO'S infectious and lively film about the appeal of Shakespeare and Richard III is part documentary, part filmed play, shot on the run over the past few years in between the assignments that paid the bills. Pacino interviews actors, academics and passers-by on Bardic matters. interspersed come rehearsals and performances of the play with a star-studded cast Pacino as Richard, Kevin Spacey as Buckingham, Alec Baldwin as Clarence. Available to rent.

■ THE GHOST AND THE DARKNESS

CIC, 15, 1996 UNDULY ponderous action drama with intellectual trimmings, based on the true tale of two lions who dogged a British attempt in the late 19th contary to build an African railway and control the ivory trade. Not enough happens: when something does, it is camouflaged by fancy photography. And there is not enough sense of time and place backgrounds may be authentic, but the front is taken up by Michael Douglas and Val Kilmer, two Holly wood stars far from home. Available to rent.

LADY FROM LOUISIANA

4-Front, U. 1941 JOHN WAYNE was biding his time at Republic Pictures, hoping for better things, when he made this curious period drama about a reforming attorney and a Southern belle



Julie Moret, Kevin Conway and Al Pacino in the latter's homage to Shakespeare's Crookback, Looking for Richard

sides of a gambling racket. As usual, director Bernard Vorhaus does the best job possible with the material on offer, and rounds off the movie in grand style with the Mississippi threatening to flood New

Mosaic 15, 1996 ALAN RICKMAN, drenched in straggly hair and sweat, makes a convincing mad monk in this award-winning cable television drama, filmed in St Petersburg and Budapest. The pump and ceremony is par for the course for superior TV, and as usual history is tidied up; but the grip on the story's characters places it above the norm. Ian McKellen and Greta Scaechi form a poignant pair as Tsar

(Ona Munson) on opposite Nicholas and his wife, who come under Rasputin's sway. The director is Uli Edel, who has learnt restraint since the days of Last Exit to Brooklyn. Available to rent.

> WALKING AND TALKING Electric, 15, 1996 EMOTIONAL adventures of young New Yorkers who shuttle between apartments and coffee shops, cinemas and therapists, analysing their lives, walking and talking. Nicole Holoicener's debut feature takes a female perspective on the Manhattan merry goround, and peppers the script with funny lines. Engaging players - Catherine Keener Anne Heche — squeeze a kaleidoscope of feelings into a

> tiny space. Available to rent. GEOFF BROWN

The recital has the great plus of being accompanied by he Dresden Staatskapelle under Colin Davis, Mozartians all to their combined fingertips.

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concertos has no fancy name such as L'Estro Armonico or La Stravaganza to boost it, and contains nothing as celebrated as the Seasonal offerings of Op 8. Yet this set of six concertos is scarcely less inventive than any of the better

workshop) with the Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood there is never a duil moment. Vivaldi may have written for more colourful combina-

tions of solo instruments, but there is ample compensation here in the range of moods evoked, from dreamy, rhapsodic slow movements to virtuoso quick-metre finales. There is also a piece, No 3 in D, which is effectively a concerto a quattro, giving rise to wonderfully spacious textures, admirably caught here.

Beznosiuk is fully up to the virtuoso demands of the solo writing, and Hogwood provides invigorating, sympathetic accompaniments.

VOCAL -

Hilary Finch

I CARL LOEWE Lieder Vol 7 Schmidt/Garben

AS A parallel but more shadowy project to Hyperion's Complete Schubert Edition. the CPO label is conscientiously building an aural encyclopaedia of the songs and ballads of Schubert's later contemporary. Carl Loewe. Loewe, who travelled playing and singing his own songs. was far less discriminating than Schubert in the texts he chose, and much of his output consists of long historical bal

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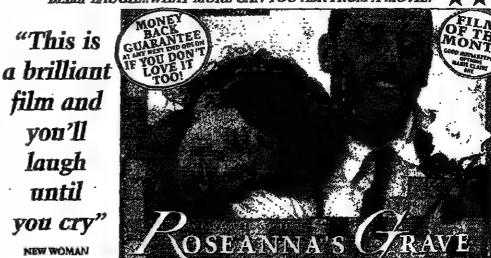
lads which acted as a sort of narrative performance art. Cord Garben, pianist and

deviser of the series, has entrusted the fine baritone Andreas Schmidt with this volume. In order to win the plums -- songs like the spooky Herr Oluf and the witty and brightly heraldic Count Eberstein — Schmidt also has to undertake the ten-minute parable Kaiser Otto's Christmas and the somewhat dubious Mohrenfürst trilogy: a Biedermaier view of Negro life, giraffes, crocodiles, slav-

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Barbara Jefford and Kathleen Turner in Somerset Maugham's Our Betters at the Festival Theatre in Chichester

Stale upper crust

THEATRE

20 years ago with his National production

of For Services Rendered, this earlier play

is a slighter work. Enough events occur to

pack a sturdier piece. A decent English

peer proposes to a young Chicago heiress; her older sister Pearl has already married

herself to a baronet, a man so unimpor-

tant in her life that he does not even figure

ot even in irony could a playwright use this title today, nor even in scorn, which is how Somerset Maugham regards the ruthless American snobs in his 1915 comedy. The date is significant. Written while he was serving in an ambulance unit in Italy, the play is set within the American colony in England. Millionaires, most of them, the heiresses have bartered their wealth for a title and all strive hard to jettison their shameful transatiantic accents.

The play opened in New York in 1917, but in London not until six years later. Had it played in London during the war. mobs might have stormed the American Embassy and burnt President Wilson in effigy, so selfish are most of its characters, and so trivial their concerns. However, in 1923 a star cast played a two-year run. which is surprising only if you ignore the magnetic attraction of a star.

Although Michael Rudman apparently did wonders for Maugham's reputation

THE first inkling that not all is normal about this Edin-

burgh boarding-house drama

is the Narrator, Will Ashcroft.

who introduces David Kane's

would introduce an episode of

It is May 2, 1926, just before

the General Strike, when

revolutionary poet Finnigan

Black arrives at Iris Mo

Manaway's boarding house

In the course of an hour and 45

minutes his firebrand social-

insignificance beside the agen-

das of this nest of vipers.

ism and bad poetry pales into

Harmless old Iris (Caroline

Guthrie) is a member of the

Scottish branch of the Italian

Fascist Party; her gay son and

pert. flirtatious daughter are

Edwardian Crimewalch.

in the cast list. Another heiress (Barbara Jefford) has married an Italian principe; and an American-born duchesse fears. losing her predatory (English) toyboy. Eventually the young heiress, who has been dazzled by her sister's goings-on, says: "I've been blind and foolish" — the way characters do in this sort of play and virtue joins forces with American honour to contribute a little victory.

Multi-parties in the madhouse

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buying dynamite for the United Anarchists Faction; Iris's mentor, the wheelchair-bound mad colonel Sir Rory Hamilton McPherson, is a rabid racist; and the other boarder. Lacklin (a bony, drawn Duncan Marwick), is the deranged Bible-bashing son of a Free Church of Scotland minister.

Kane takes a healthy poke at Edinburgh's history of graverobbers, political cults and religious tribalism — a game of Cluedo in which there is much humping of dead bodies, digging for buried treasure and frantic searching for the missing remains of Greyfriars Bobby (Scotland's

equivalent of Lassiel "No poofery and no pop-ery," barks Andrew Neil's Sergeant Prodd who suspects. quite rightly, that there is a

THEATRES

Unfortunately. Maugham's bitter wit brings few laughs until the last act, where the strategems of the titled women to recover their offended lovers generate amusement at their barefaced duplicity or bone-headed idiocy. This revival was probably conceived as a vehicle for Kathleen Turner, but her voice and mannerisms are too unvaried for the role, except when she manages the change from glitter to passion with Stephen Billington's spoilt toyboy. Rula Lenska's giamorous duchesse skilfully somersaults from lofty outrage to pleading lover, and Nicholas Caunter is patiently dignified as the honourable peer.

Rudman's production (at the Festival Theatre) does not persuade me that the play still functions as a serviceable vehicle even for stars, and the shafts of light it casts on a corner of London society 80 years ago are just not bright enough for long enough.

JEREMY KINGSTON

revolution brewing in every cupboard, and that James Lucey's mincing Duncan is a psychopathic raging queen. The improbable triumph of Ken McClymonts production. is that it still insists on hanging together until, in a moment of pique. Finnigan picks up a gun and plugs the interfering Narrator.

Farce is a slippery thing to deliver, especially when at the mercy of lightning-fast scene changes. To their credit the cast make light of the latter, but they are still selling the ingredients more successfully than the lines. Yet I'll wager that this will only get better.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER.

Overdue **American** debut

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TUESDAY was a good day for modern music at the Proms, with the Boulez concert of 20th-century classics followed by an all-American late-night programme that included a world premiere. The themes crossed in Barber's classic and American Adagio for Strings, but the rest of the composers featured by the enterprising Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square, had not been heard at the Proms before.

Stephen Montague has lived in this country for more than 20 years, so his debut was especially overdue. This Proms-commissioned Piano Concerto was well worth the

BBC PROMS St John . Albert Hall/Radio 3

wait. The score is winy and moving, very American in its juxtaposition of popular tunes and spirituals. Sounds of Montague's Deep South roots are suggested, sometimes abstractly, within the traditional fast-slow-fast structure of the three-movement work.

The 25-minute concerto opens arrestingly, with repeated flurries from the piano and orchestra, punctuated by percussion. Things settle down into a mysteriously veiled tune, the first of many imaginatively orchestrated passages. But soon a hard-driven piano solo increases the tension, tension that is maintained by chattering stringharmonics and only brought to an end by the pianist's elbow clusters; Rolf Hind, the virtuoso soloist, stood to deliver these blows with extra force.

With the spiritual Were you there when they crucified my Lord? hinted at in the first movement, the tune was taken up in a haunting meditation in the adagio. The finale, with its mocking brass fantares, is a percussive toccata, which inspired playing of panache from the orchestra under John Lubbock. Montague's piece deserves to be heard by a wider audience.

American music can mean many things, but it does not often sound as "English" as Lou Harrison's New First Suite for Strings. Dating from a modal phase in the work of this ageing hippie of American music, the score is attractive but ummemorable. By contrast, the polyrhythmic energy of Colin McPhee's 1936 gamelan-inspired Tabutabuhan, a toccate for two pianos and orchestra in which Hind was joined by Thomas Ades, brought the concert to an exhilarating close.

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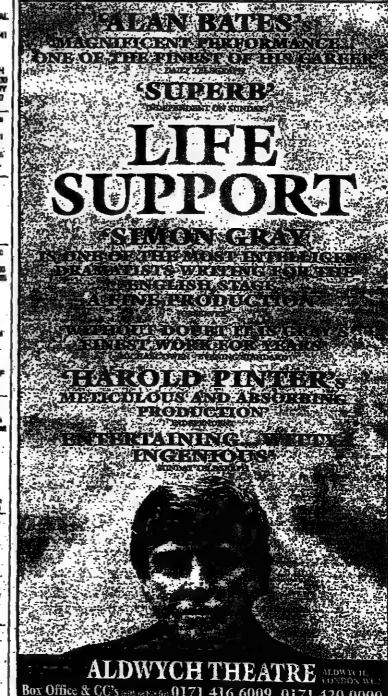
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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: Aboriginal dance, Hungarian concertos, epic Bach, Indian anguish and triumphant Verdi

Distress call from heartof Australia

n the early years of this century white Australians were still venturing out into the woods in the remote Northern Territories to hunt Aborigines. In more recent years white Australians have been taken to task for their appalling crimes against Aboriginal children. And today a proad indigenous column, which thrived for millennia before the Europeans arrived, stands destroyed by colonial arrogance. It's enough to make any right-thinking person angry.

This is the anger that Stephen Page and his creative team want you to feel upon watching Fish, the new piece from Bangarra Dance Theatre given its premiere on Tuesday. We know this because the voice that launches Fish tells us so. It also tells us that the members of Australia's leading Aboriginal en-semble are burning with a desire-for justice. But, more than this, they are burning with a desire to reclaim their ancestral culture.

Fish is inspired by the Aborigi-nal's deep connection with the natural elements; fish are the unborn souls, haunted individuals waiting for their chance to be mortal. Described as a "journey through three worlds", Fish moves from swamp to river to ocean, an ever-widening landscape through which churc nature's mysteries.

As Page's choreography makes clear, the inhabitants of this spiritsoaked world are not on the earth but of the earth. At times you feel they are even in the earth, so strong is their affinity for its murky energies. Water is the giver of life: it purifies and invigorates us, and we are humbled by its very immensity.

In the swamp — the work's strongest section — dancers slip into reed cages like creatures of a dank, dense underworld. The women are presented as crouching, ieral beasts, charged with a crude sexuality. Later on, though, the



dancers look like street kids, the disaffected youth you would find in any city. A majestic lone figure, Diakapurra Munyarryun, wan-ders throughout like a shadowy, scho of ancient tribal voices.

Despite its overwhelming cultural agenda. Bangarra (it means to make fire) is according to Page, primately a contemporary dance company. Eschewing the tradition-al mythological stories. Fish uses a variety of dance styles to tell its new urban myths, from academic contemporary dance to the movement language of late 20th century cities.
But as a choreographer Page lacks
the range to give his language full
descriptive powers, especially when

it comes to anger.

He is not helped by David Page's score (a third Page brother, Russell, is one of the dancers). The music is a dire amalgam of flickset symphonic rock and the noisy thump and crash of the urban aural landscape. The commoner has alternative. landscape: The composer has abandoned the didgerideo, capable of baunting resonances, in favour of the synthesizer, a monumentally bland music-matter, while the traditional Aberiginal percussion, the clap sticks, are forced to bow to a full Western drum sound.

in the end, it is this stylistic crossdressing which scuppers Fish. Composer and choreographer have borrowed from one culture in order to illuminate another, but have not made a convincing case for either. The only message you take away from this production is that Aboriginal culture is doomed to be forever outgurned by the spiritual bankrupoy of the MIV generation.

DEBRA CRAINE



Keyboard classes in Bartók and Bach

ALTHOUGH it was one of the most attractive prospects of this year's festival, by the halfway stage it was not looking so good. The public had evidently decided that two Bartok piano concertos were one or two too many, and András Schiff had just delivered an underpowered account of the first of them. Yet by the end of the evening the Usher Hall audience was demanding encores.

One reason was that in the interval the soloist had changed pianos, discarding a rather dull instrument for a much brighter one. Another was that Schiff clearly likes Bartók's Third Piano Concerto more than he likes the First, the essentially percussive nature of which he seems unable to accept.

But his interpretation of the Third Concerto was one of rare radiance and lyrical beauty, taking a relaxed joy in the flexibility of the melodic line and its decorative elaborations, and celebrating the paradoxical exuberance of the dy-ing composer in the not quite complete last movement.

At the same time, the more the audience got to know Ivan Fischer and the Budapest Festival Orchestra, the more it got to like them. It is

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an ensemble distinguished not only by its high-quality technical accomplishment but also by the freshness of its approach to a score as familiar as Stravinsky's Firebird suite. As he demonstrated in an eccentric series of encores - the tiny piccolo solo from Bartók's Romanian Dances and the offstage horn Epilogue from Britten's Serenade preceding the inevitable Brahms Hungarian Dance - Fischer is a conductor with a rare sense of humour as well as a liberated imagination.

Before that concert Peter Hurford gave the first of an epic series of 15 recitals of Bach organ works. Greyfriars Kirk is clearly going to be the centre of a minor cult during the next two or three weeks. The atmosphere inside the church is serene, the Peter Collins organ a model of acoustic clarity and of modesty not normally associated with the instrument, and Hurford's playing is inspired rather than intimidated by the enormity of what he has taken on.

GERALD LARNER

Grandly unstaged

IRONICALLY enough, the performances of Macbeth reduced to concert form turned out to be the hit of this year's Verdi Festival at Covent Garden, and if Edinburgh audiences were feeling short-changed they were not showing it. The first of the Royal Opera's three repeats played to a Festival Theatre noticeably fuller than for Platée, and was received with uproarious enthusiasm. Rightly so, as Tues-day's performance had the edge even on the first night in London.

And "edge" is the word. Edward Downes emphasised the febrile quality of Verdi's scoring to conjure up a world dangerously out of kilter. This was especially true of the Banquet Scene, where instead of apologising for Lady Macbeth's Drinking Song he revelled in its brassy vulgarity, and the neurasthenically ilippant orchestral paragraphs that surround it.

Anthony Michaels-Moore's Macbeth is of course a decidedly more interesting character, and the white-hot intensity of his interpretation stifled any sense of incongruity between white-tie formality and more than vestigial action (the chorus, on marvellous form, have discarded their scores since

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London, adding to the impression of a staged performance). The usurper's feelings are written on Michaels-Moore's face: terror, doubt, thin-lipped determination, and - terrifyingly - self-know ledge in Pieta, rispetto, amore. Georgina Lukács has relaxed

if that is the right word for anyone singing Lady Macbeth - since London, with more expressive metal in her tone; Dennis O'Neill (Macduff) and Roberto Scandiuzzi (Banquo) were outstanding as before. The sheer conviction of the
performance of this first (1847)
version cast doubts on some of the
revisions. Of course the 1865 score
is "better", but why did Verdi
bother to rewrite the stirring Exiles' Chorus, or jettison Macbeth's caba-letta. Vada in fiamme, a far stronger curtain number for the Apparition Scene than the duet that replaces it? Food for thought.

RODNEY MILNES

Sour view of Indian dream

n traipse two bored-looking men carrying a bier on which lies a corpse wrapped from head to toe in white. They look despairingly up. Is there a vulture about? No, not even a kite. or a crow. The conversation turns to methods of taking revenge on wrongdoers and their families by ensuring that the souls of the dead do not escape their bodies. Then comes news of those missing birds. There have been riots in the local town that have left scores of Muslims and Hindus massacred. If this goes on, what's to become of those who earn their bread by ensuring bones are properly scoured?

The views of Parsee undertakers are, I suppose, heard in the theatre about as often as those of Bornean knife-grinders or Greenland chimney sweeps. But could there be a more interestingly oblique way of looking at the great events that happened in India. half a century ago? The company responsible, Tamasha. came from nowhere last year with East is East, a highly impressive play about the wardly celebrated.

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ALL THE PERSON CHAPTS



Parmindor K. Nagra in the fine A Tainted Dawn

travails of the Asian British. Now it consolidates its reputation with an intimiate epic (sponsored by A.A. Brothers) whose title and subtitle, "images of partition", is clearly meant to forewarn audiences that 50 years of independence are not going to be straightfor-



Actually, celebration is on the mind of those crammed into the tiny railway compartment in which Sudha Bhuchar and Kristine Landon-Smith's play opens. It is 1947, and they are travelling to Delhi to see Nehru take power from the British. But quarrels break out in the carriage. Riots occur at a stopover. A studious-looking Hindu passenger answers a Muslim's request to help him aboard by hitting him over the head. And then up go the stage-lights to reveal the only permanent features of Sue Mayes's set two trees as gnarled and bare as their counterpart in Waiting for Godot and, like it, representing the blasting of hope.

As schisms worsen, the eight-person cast makes nonsense of its numbers by mounting scenes in which tens of terrified villagers run from their burning homes, scores of

refugees hurry onto lorries, and troupes of bent, exhausted people trudge into transit camps. Some are Hindus, some are Muslims, and all are evidence that the dream of a ecular state, hospitable to all faiths, is ending in division, death and the enforced ex-

change of populations. Individual stories surface too. Shaheen Khan's Laurie. who fancied herself "the Indian Lauren Bacall", ends up with a baby and a mother-inlaw in a remote village. Badi Uzzaman's Ramnath visits the house in Pakistan he loved and lost, to find it in ruins. But the authors linger longest over Pali, who is mislaid by his Hindu parents in the chaos of departure, adopted by Muslims, and, when restored to his mother, seems as divided as the sub-continent itself.

Could the play go deeper, explore further? I suppose so. But I doubt if any theatre company anywhere will bring the disappointment and disillusion of 1947 so grittily to life.

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Malcolm Bradbury on the return of Saul Bellow

The world in a grain of sand

the Nobel Prize for Literature, joining the pantheon of American literary greats - Hemingway, Faulkner. Steinbeck - to which he so rightly belonged. His fame. literary, intellectual, moral, lay with his big books, filled with their big, clever, flowing prose, and their big, morehan-lifesize herces - Augie Marches, Hendersons. Herzogs. Humboldrs - who fought the battle for courage. intelligence, selfhood and a sense of human grandeur in the postwar age of expansive. materialist, hightowered, Chicago-style American capitalism.

Now and again, this ebullient line of novels - critical explorations of a fast-moving age that included the end of

heroic Modernism. the rise of the easygoing counter-cul-ture, the age of space-science and Moonshot, the rot of the great American rupted by something more modest. There were smaller books. reading more like meditations. In 1956 came the outstanding Seize the Day, a speculation on commerce, roquery and mortality. It ends at the funeral parlour, the coffin-side - an ever-familiar Bellow location - as the moneywounded hero cries over a stranger and faces his soul's need. In recent years, since the Nobel, the big books have fad-

fiction that demands less plot than distinct universe and atmosphere: a tone of voice, a distilled set of essential scenes. a power of mind. Written in his 81st year. The Actual is the newest - Bellow's first work of fiction for ten years (a recent set of autobiographical essays

ed, the meditations

prospered. Bellow:

has concentrated on

the novella, a form of

has stood a while as his latest Bellow has now left Chicago for New England. But the Windy City - a material city pervaded nonetheless by mind, as he once said remains his prime fictional landsite. Now it's an urbane world of rich aged survivors. Jewish "notables" who have made it, rogue materialists with a touch of class, a taste for art and a gift of cunning gentus, living high on accumuhave generally been ageing along with their author. These THE ACTUAL A NOVELLA By Saul Bellow Viking, £12.99 ISBN 0-670-86075-1

are people in what he nicely calls the last phase of maturiny", when "one could, one honest with

Even so, they haven't lost their edge. The Actual is a tale told by Harry Trellman, "a concealed man", a "masked character". He's a very Bellovian type, with an orphan background, and an international history in commerce and art that's had its own share of shady dishonesties. He's taken up by

an elderly Chicago billionaire.

because he is that useful

figure: a truly observant man.

with an eye to pretensions and foibles. The billionaire is buy-

ing an expensive apartment

from another honcho, whose

greatest claim to fame is that

he has willingly remarried a

wife who once out out a hit on

him. The heart of the story is

set on the day of a Chicago

blizzard, when their various

stories unfold. In the process.

Harry is brought back into

contact with the distant love of

Bellow's later tales (Him.

With His Foot In His Mouth,

The Bellarosa Connection,

etc.) have been a series of wise

comedies, filled with odd char-

acter types, all with their own

baroque arts of mystification.

To the end of things, the

his lifetime. Amy Wustrin.

It all ends, again, at a graveside, or two of them — "somewhere between a shadow and a shade of one of the departed". Amy's husband. having mischievously arranged to be buried beside her mother, has really arranged to come back from the grave. He must now be dislodged to vacate the space for the appropriate tenant, her father. The past is brought back in cemetery as exhumation takes place; the story ends as the husband is reinterred in his second grave. This becomes the scene for the last romance, and the book closes with a proposal. The

lderly well-heeled "notables"

of The Actual see themselves as cunning tricksters: figures

from "the advanced counter-

cultural lifestyle", rogues

rouès, alternative types, still

playing sharpsters' games with each other. Madge

Heisinger — once imprisoned for the hit on her husband — is

full of mystifications, not least

a "divorce registry service".

which does for divorcees what

other services do for brides.

For the aged, sex and sexual

attraction still play a large part in their thoughts and

deeds. Amy's now-dead for-mer husband has been a

sexual experimentalist to the

last: Harry sees love as "a

lengthy intelligence job". One of Bellow's gifts is to invest the

aged with erotic energy and

that's the actual. If slight in story a set of characters, mystiffcations. glimpses — this book is rich (and for Bellow readers

elderly game has a

romantic outcome:

delightfully familiar) in atmosphere. It's to be relished, as Bellow's later narrations, for the still-mischievous, mordant wit ("Paris is just New York in French"), the magisterial prose, the elegantly elegaic sensibility. Now there's something aimost 18th-century about Bellow's courtly Chica-- where wealth permits thought, old games of cunning and survival still go on, and always under the teasing gaze of an elderly philosophe (masked Harry, Bellow too): for whom the gift of social, moral and sexual observation. the testing of lives, the eternal reminder of mortality, the giare of sceptical reason, the application of wit, and the call "the actual" are the way to perceive the human condition.

Before his Kingdom came

Greil Marcus on two books

which shed

dull light on the early years

ere are two of the many new Elvis books issued to coincide with the twentieth anniversary of Elvis Presley's death: one by a man who never got paid, the other by a woman who never got laid. The first, written in the third person by a journalist, is sodden with error and deadly dull; the second, written, and then written again and again by a non-writer without the help of a ghost, is frank and full of life - if also, at times, deadly dull.

Scotty Moore was a 22-year-old Memphis guitar player when, in July 1954, he met Elvis Presley, and a few days later played guitar on his first record. That's All Right. Little more than two years later, Moore, along

THAT'S ALRIGHT,

The Untold Story of Elvis's First Guitarist and Manager, Scotty Moore

By Scotty Moore as told to James Dickerson. DWA, £19.09 ISBN 1910526038 ELVIS: IN THE TWI-LIGHTOF **MEMORY**

> By June Juanico Little Brown, £15,99 ISBN 0-316-63967-2

with bassist Bill Black and drummer D.J. Fontana. were backing Presley on The Ed Sullivan Show, the highest-rated television programme in the United States. For a total of three performances, Presley received \$50,000; Moore, who was still paying for the guitar and amplifier the nation watched him playing, received \$234. In 14 years of work with Presley, either on salary or. more or less, on call, Moore made just over \$30,000; he is title: that's alright, Elvis, you're forgiven. Otherwise it is a tale of the small-time: various marriages, seeming-ly forgotten children, random affairs, successes and failures, recognition and remem-

June Juanico was 17, and living in Biloxi, Mississippi, when, in May 1955, she met Elvis Presley: she had her first date with him that night. and stayed out until six in the morning. The next year they began a love affair that lasted until March 1957. During that time Juanico became close to Elvis's mother, Gladys. or "Lovie", and with Elvis regularly engaged in skeetshooting, amusement park visits, sleepovers, fooling around, food fights, firework battles, horseback riding, the



purchase of new cars, waterskiing, BB gun shooting, and deep-sea fishing but not, as readers of Peter Guralnick's nearly definitive Last Train from Memphis: the Rise of Elvis Presley know, actual raises a question Scotty Moore and James Dickerson don't have to face: how is Juanico going to keep the

suspense going?

She presents two people, herself and Elvis, who seem made of flesh and blood. What are you in the mood for?" she asks on their first date. "I can't answer that. June, you'd slap my face," he says. "Okay," she says. says. "Okay," she says. "What else are you in the

mood for?" "I don't care who you foo, June!" he screams at her a year later. "I don't have to take his shit," she says to a friend. Both of them are too gorgeous to live; in some sense, they seem so in awe of each other the chaste beds they shared seem almost inevitable. But here is the

there's nothing like it in any other Elvis book, and few endings like it in any other sex stories. They're in a Biloxi hotel with his parents next

baby; everybody's still sleeping, he said, pulling me back to the bed. He started tickling me, and put his hand over my mouth several times because I was making too much noise. We started kissing, and all of a sudden my laughter stopped. I had, almost without realising, let all my defenses down; but, after all I

was going to be his wife someday... I raised my hips, making it easy for him to remove my briefs... We had made love, in our own special way, every time we were together but this was the first time we actually came close to physically having sex. Elvis was slowly and gently beginning to enter me when we

hear a "tap tap tap" at the "I was so startled I felt like rolled off me and sat straight. "Who is it?" Elvis yelled,

after making sure I was covered. The unlocked door opened; it was Lovie.

here, and then I didn't hear. anything but quiet. I just wanted to tell you that maybe we should get June some-thing to keep her from having too many bables', Lovie said."

There's no moment haif as real in That's Alright, Elvis. Without the usual first-person of an as told to, Moore disappears from his own story; at most, surrounded by the com-ments, many of them taken from other sources, of his one-time colleagues, associates, family members, and friends, not to mention exwives, he's just another character. He rarely speaks; even when he does, there's no sense of his voice, or a unique presence. Dickerson strands Moore in the seas of the whost

where song publisher Freddie Bienstock becomes "Freddy Bienstalk" (OK if his first name were Jack but . . .), and producer Robert Bumps Blackwell turns well. Dickerson is an abominable writer. He tries to describe Moore's guitar playing as counterpoint to Elvis's singing: "His guitar became the anti-Elvis component of the music." "She had a really bad feeling about the plane, Dickerson says at one point. She was afraid something bad was going to happen."
One usually comes with the

other. In its most vivid, roughhousing passages, June Juanico's book succeeds because it need not be about Elvis Presley at all; it's a strong story that, without Elvis Presley in it, no one would have published. Scotty Moore's book was a sure thing and, once again, he's come up with the short end of the stick.

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Fending off the Lynch mob

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Tou remember moments from David Lynch's films the way you remember images from your dreams: a severed ear in the grass from Blue Velvet, a lady carrying a log and a dead young girl wrapped in plastic from Twin Peaks and scenes from Eraserhead and Wild at Heart that you might wish you could forget. Yet the oddest aspect of Lynch's best work is its normality. Eraserhead may look like your worst nightmare, but it is also a fable about parenthood: Blue Velvet is about voyeurism, perverit is a coming-of-age story. And who else could have made of The Elephant Man a tale of beauty and goodness?

Everybody who meets Lynch is taken aback by his air clean-cut normality, even when discussing his portray-als of the darkest extremes of human behaviour. Mel Brooks, who produced The Elephant Man, described him as "James Stewart from Mars". Lynch has always been reluctant to explain his work, but he is eloquent about where it came from and much the most interesting sections of this book-length interview are those dealing with his youth

and his unique early career.

The decade that Lynch iden-

tifies with is the Fifties, the



Weird at heart: Lynch - a victim of self-parody?

time of American optimism, of the nuclear family and nuclear testing. He grew up in small nowns like those in Blue Velvet and Twin Peaks - many of them, since his family moved around a lot. He was almost absurdly successful as a boy. He became one of the top Boy Scouts in the country and was rewarded by being made an usher at the inauguration of Velvet still looks like a

John Kennedy. In these inter-views he speaks glowingly of the era, rock a roll, the gaudy cars, but he is equally attracted to the dark side of these giant, firmed automobiles: "Old cars would weather a: crash but the people inside would just be like, you know,

The beginning of Lynch's career was extraordinary. He

ing Eraserhead in which his only source of income was a paper round. Many people loathed Eraserhead, but he was hired to direct The Elephant Man on the strength of it and instantly became one of the most respected directors in the world. Ten years on, Blue

masterpiece.
Lynch is not the most sparkling interviewee, but there is a mass of intrigue here. As someone who spent many hours trying to make sense of Twin Peaks, I was chagrined to discover that the principal villain, Killer Bob, was played by the set dresser whom Lynch hired on the spot. The plot was never really meant to fit together. Now he tells us.

with Wild at Heart and then Fire Walk With Me, the truly dire "prequel" to Twin Peaks, Lynch's career began a precip-itous decline. We can only hope for better things from his impending movie, Lost High-way, though Chris Rodley doesn't display much enthusiasm for it.

Like many directors, David Lynch has become a victim of those who acciaimed him, as his films seem to become increasingly course in their attempts to be Lynch-like. His early films enthrallingly showed the tension between normality and weirdness. The later films showed us the weirdness of weird people, which is less of a revelation. Still, according to the interviews, he enjoys his painting, so that's something.

First class stamp of approval

OCCASIONALLY you have a novel which you devour as if it were a thriller, want to last forever because each sentence sings, but finally put down with great whoops of joy — a novel which flies freely above cious fiction like a bird over the crowd. That the book in question here is a first novel makes Niall Williams's achievement all the more extraordinary. If Four Letters of Love does not win a major literary prize there is no justice in the Universe. But there is. And so it will.

Four Letters of Love is a love story of exquisite slowness — a chronicle of how two separate lives move towards their destiny as surely as the Titanic and the iceberg floated on the fated course. Yet with no tragic consequences. The narrator, Nicholas Coughlan, is 12 when his life is overturned by his father's conviction that God has told him to give up his steady job and paint. Nicholas's mother falls apart. the family is wrecked. At the same time, elsewhere in Ireland, Isabel Gore sees her younger brother's life ruined by a mysterious seizure, for which she feels secretly responsible. Later, while still a schoolgirl she burches recklessly into a damaging affair. Acts of God, acts of fate or evidence of the cruel random-

ness of the Universe? Whatev-

er, these events shape the lives of Nicholas and Isabel, bruis-

FOUR LETTERS OF LOVE

By Niall Williams Picador, £12.99 ISBN 0 330 352687

(in fact) for each other although there is nothing pat or simple about Niall Williams's narrative. On the con-trary, it unfolds with lyrical grace, tantalising the reader all through with the possibility that events may not, after all work out in the way that is His cadences are those of

irish myth and song, as well as the inheritance of Synge and Yeats Nicholas Coughlan tells his story in the first person, and acts as anonymous, omniscient narratur for Isabel's, a device which inspires a subconscious confidence that all will be well in the end. Otherwise how would he know?

. It is interesting to compare Four Letters of Love with Fugitive Pieces by Arme Mi-chaels. Both use interiocking stories to approach great themes, both employ a heightened, poetic prose, yet the Williams novel never once sacrifices the purity of its purpose on the alter of style. Four Letters of Love rolls with courage and clarity towards a breathtaking affirmation of magic, miracles and the power of human love. Read it, and ing them and creating them - believe in angels:

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THE TIMES THURSDAY AUGUST 14 1997

Admiral Sir Jock Slater, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, salutes the author of a definitive book on the history of the Navy

Britain's foremost naval historians and The Safeguard of the Sea: A Naval History of Britain is a splendid book. It combines impressively detailed research with breadth of perception. Moreover, in The Safeguard of the Sea, Rodger packs his paragraphs with particulars and new anecdotes which draw the reader avidly from page to page. Like all good books it is enjoyable at many levels: as a whole book on the naval history of Britain; as individual chapters on varied sub-jects such as the social history or the operations of the Navy; or with its many appendices and excellent index, as a work of reference. There is humour too, even wry. comments on some of the many works to which he refers: though calling the hanging of Edward. Doughty an acute crisis of authority" may be a bit much for even the most uncritical of Drake's fans.

Bow to the sailors of the centuries

THE SAFEGUARD OF THE SEA By Nicholas Rodger Norton, £20 ISBN 0 393 04579

The quality of this book is all the more significant for, strange as it may seem for a nation where the sea has profoundly affected these islands and shaped our lives down to the present day, no similar history has apparently been at-tempted since William Laird Clowes edited The Royal Navy: a History from the earliest times to Laird Clowes wrote his seven-volume history between 1897 and 1903 with the help of distin-

like Mahan, Theodore Roosevelt and Carr Laughton, It has smod the test of time and has recently been reprinted. By contrast, The Safeguard of the Sea, which is the first of three volumes, is a one-man labour of loving scholarship. Like Laird Clowes's vol-

umes, Rodger's

based on printed sources but it is supplemented, as the author modestly writes, by primary research. The copious footnotes and lengthy bibliography reveal just how mod-



An 18th-century engraving of an Armada tapestry

est a statement this is from a former Assistant Keeper at the Public Record Office, who has packed the first volume with new information and fresh research. It

Safeguard has four main layers covering: policy, strategy and na-val operations; administration and

that the National and the material aspects of navies. Maritime Museships and weapons. However, it is um, the Society for not a book about battles and admi-Nautical Research rais: rather Rodger emphasises that navies have many functions in and the Navy Records Society peace and war short of actual battle. Perhaps surprisingly, the had the vision to apply the late Dr R.C. Anderson's English learns as long ago as the 10th century that by ravaging the coast, or rather by threatening to legacy to this work do so, they could influence distant as the author. He events on the mainland of Europe by what today is called littoral has prepared an

There is much to be learnt or recal record that will be read and reread learnt in this book; from the opportunity that a career at sea has always given to young people so the old truth of that sublime phrase that "it is on the Navy -

of the Realm do chiefly depend". He discusses further examples of what today are called Public Private Partnerships and the dependency of the Navy - and the Army also for that matter - on the Merchant fleet and ships taken up from trade. There are modern lessons too a navy has to earn and retain public support and understanding. An island nation must work to encourage its people to take a close interest in maritime affairs. This remarkable book is a major contribution to that process and I strongly recommend it to you with a quotation from Rodger himself: "... sea power cannot be improvised. In every age and in every circumstance, the successful navies have been those which rested on long years of steady investment in the infrastructure essential to keep running the complex and delicate machinery of

Life: A User's Handbook

Stephen

Jay Gould

on an author with a lust

for life

he yery nature of this one volume history of life - can only recall Dr Johnson's overquoted comment about a dog walking on two legs (he made the remark in analogy to women preachers, but we tend to suppress this part of the citation these days); namely, that the issue rests not upon our judgment of whether it is done well, but on

our surprise that it can be

done at all. . How can this most complex and rambling of all conceivable narratives be sold? We immediately encounter the key problem of self-reference. All biographies of life can only be unauthorised, but all must have authors. There is no "correct" or "best" way to organise such a narrative (though every individual factual claim must be true or false), and an enlightening scheme for one person will be another's incomprehensible only proceed by his own best judgment, and therefore with-

in his higges.

We can say, at least, that the conventional style of parrative records the worst bias of all. one that Fortey largely eschews: the organisation of the tale (to use the sexist euphony of past practice) as a "march from monad to man". That is, one begins with the primordial 3,500 million-year-old bacterium and moves on to multicellularity, to invertebrates, to fishes, reptiles (with an obligatory chapter on dinosaurs), mammals and a crowning account of human evolution. The absurdity of this procedure becomes clear when we refocus our perspective on all of life's diversity (the supposed object of life's biography after all), and recognise that those bacteria have always dominated the Earth's biota, still do, and always will (see my recent book, Life's Grandeur, for a development

of this argument). By what rationale can we justify a focus on one funny little accidental lineage among so many millions as a summation or model for the entire history of life? Human beings represent one species among 4,000 mammals. All the vertebrates include only some 20,000 species compared with nearly a million named species of insects. And even insects pale before those bacteria. The human lineage may represent the history of greatest neurological complexity. but the siphonophore lineage represents the acme of colonial construction, and some lineage of "lowly" parasites represents the most complex

of approx



Holding the key to life in your fingertips? The 40 million-year-old relative of today's praying mantis, trapped for eternity in a piece of amber

.. LIFE: AN UNAUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY By Richard Fortey HarperCollins, 525 ISBN 000 255 1284

and multifaceted life cycle. No single tendency, and no maximisation of any one thing, can serve as a surrogate for the whole - that is, for the

history of life. To escape this trap of convention. Fortey uses chronology itself, rather than rungs on a ladder of progress, as the organising theme of his narrative. Since time is the matrix of history, and since time (at least in the psychology of human perception) unfolds as a unidirectional flow, temporal sequence becomes an obvious first choice. Curators of artists' retrospectives, for example, often toy with other schemes for organising a creative life, but good old strictly-followed ontogeny - from the first scribbles of youthful juvenilia to the contemplative products of hoary wisdom - simply can't be beat as a source of insight and order, as the chronological sequence in the Picasso Museum in Paris or a minor carping indeed

Fortey's strict chronological ordering of chapters establishes a narrative context for the book's two most favourable features. First, Fortey does discuss all the major groups including plants and marine vertebrates, even after fancy terrestrial vertebrates had evolved - for each period of time (conventional emphases do begin to win out, however. as dinosaurs and humans grab ever more space to crowd out the far more prominent beetles and bacteria - but at least these "lowly" forms never disappear entirely, as they usually do in our books and museums, though never at our picnics or in our guts). By considering all contemporary groups together. Fortey can also stress ecological interactions and correlations with

vell illustrate.

geological events, another theme sorely underplayed in most conventional accounts. Secondly, Fortey defily interweaves three themes for each of his times: palaeontological facts, relevant evolutionary theories and historical accounts (often refreshingly humorous and sociologically informed) of how we came by this knowledge. I must also mention one general criticism:

amidst such excellence. Writ-

ing about natural history presents one cardinal pitfall and Fortey does tend to fall in. Nature really is gorgeous and sublime in the most Burkean sense. But only poets can capture all this in words; when most of us try, we lapse into parodic writing suited only to travel magazines. Fortey is a fine writer, but not a literary stylist. Most of us should keep the true romance of field work silently in our souls and not write such Forteyan perorations as: "The starlight is so strong, it can even make shadows. . . In the bush, night insects buzz incessantly in the trees. From time to time a dingo yelps strangely in the far

iso, and of absolutely no importance whatsoever (for we all make typographic howlers from time to time), but merely to share a chuckle. 1 did enjoy this epitome of the passage from Barooue to Clascomposition: "harpisichord continuous

mostly disappeared". The more philosophical problem raised by Fortey's success engages his choice of chronology as a narrative device. I mentioned the favourable consequences above. but the major impediment lies

in a certain quality of aimlessdilemma of the OED: how can ness thereby imposed. Each the branching history of a chapter moves up a notch word be conveyed in a linear list? The OED ranks major towards the present, and each features a roll-call for a given branches by number, and geological movement. Such a orders the numbers by strict scheme does not build a story chronology - a device close to in the grand style of our epics Fortey's solution for all of life. and sagas. The problem arises from limits of our mental But the result is an historical encyclopaedia, not a true dicmachinery, not from nature at tionary at all, for chronology all - but then we, not nature, cannot be normative.) are reading the book. For Is there another way (that complex reasons of evolution could be tried experimentally? and culture, we love stories Perhaps we could proceed

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this vital question, which engages such key issues as the nature of history and the limits of human mentality. But we must keep searching for novel schemes to order our narratives. There must be so many more things in earthly life than have ever been dreamt of in all our constrained philosophy.

Stephen Jay Gould's Ques-tioning the Millennium is the printed word stands as a classic problem in both literapublished by Cape in Novemture and scholarship. Consider as a prime example, the

gained power in provincial

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SHADOWS OF

EMPIRE

By Allan Massie

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ALMOST alone, Allan Massie has for 20 years kept Scottish letters alive, writing novels. studies, plays, reviews and vast reams of journalism. With his noble novel, the man who gave us The Ragged Lion, a much lauded but little read fictional recreation of the life of Sir Walter Scott, confirms his claim as Scott's successor. There is little sex in this.

Massie's fourteenth novel. and no swearing or puerile angst. It simply sings.

Alec Allan, the narrator, is the son of an haute bourgeoisie Scots family which, thanks to a millionaire shipbuilder of a great-grandfather, has exchanged the East

End of Glasgow for Eton, and the Clyde for Cambridge. His father, a minor Cabinet minister, lives near Oxford, and his patrician mother might have Lloyd George for dinner, but "never to stay". A poet manque before the Second World War, Alec becomes a journalist instead. This is his memoir, and with Alec's life it ranges from London and Berlin in the 1930s to the Spanish Civil War, appeasement, the war in oslavia and the Nureniberg trials. So the story encompasses the agony of a Europe waiting to be born.

This is a theme that Massie has already explored in two line novels. A Question of

Loyalties and The Sins of the further. His sense of history, intelligent, peracute and unrivalled in living novelists, is here more mellow and mature. He uses Alec's siblings one a diplomat communist and closet homosexual. another a follower of Mosley. a third a black sheep rubberplanter in the East - to weave a web of a fading family and

dying empire. Massie examines why we lost our Empire and our will,

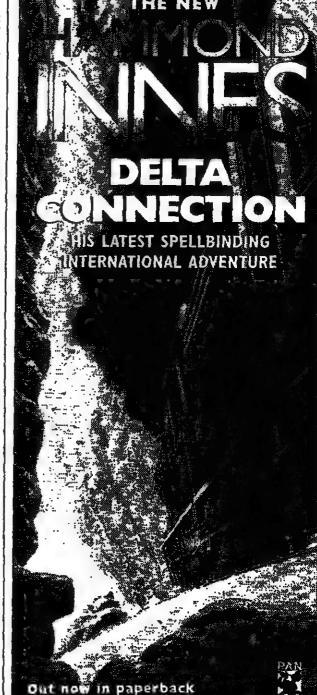
and, in so doing, he paints a paradigm for our times. This novel becomes anatomy of a moral failure". Then, as now, why have we developed "a disinclination to

look reality in the face"? We have our sybaritic soporofics. but the generation of Alec Allan's father, empire-builders, still preferred Plato and Thucydides's that was all too

Beautifully written this novel of manners sears and shines. It is both elegy for things that were and eulogy for those that might yet be, its message demands patience in a hurried age. The wax is different, but now, as 60 years ago, we prefer to stop our cars and, in new cacophony, press on regardless to the waiting

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THIS is not a book which will go down well in Delhi, where they tend to believe independence was wrested from a cruel imperial power. The view presented here is that Indian independence was the culmination of half a century of increasingly democratic reforms imposed by the British. with Indian nationalists always justifiably demanding more, until complete independence was achieved in 1950 India gained dominion status

in 1947). The title refers to a speech by Macaulay who told Parliament in 1833 that the complete Europeanisation of India, would be "the proudest day in English history". The imperial mission statement was carved in stone some 100 years later, on the gateway to the Viceroy's Jad Adams

THE PROUDEST DAY India's Long Road to Independence By Anthony Read and David Fisher Ionathan Cape £20.00 ISBN 0 224 049563

palace in Delhi. It began: "Liberty will not descend to a people, a people must raise themselves to liberty."

What was seen as a civilising crusade was the clearly stated intention of the liberalminded sections of British opinion. Whenever they had power they made advances in granting Indian demands, making the final goal of independence inevitable. The book is thus an antidote to too romantic a view of the "freedom struggle". It shows how steeped in orthodox Hinduism were many of the independence wallahs, making them more Hindu nationalists than Indian nationalists. The prophet of independence, Bal-Gangadhar Tiak, first hoisted

the banner of opposition to British rule when he attacked the Age of Consent Act which raised the age of intercourse from 10 to 12 and introduced after a child bride had died from sexual injuries. Such interference with religious freedom had to be fought to

the last gasp. The authors also show what a self-righteous character Gandhi was. At one point he offered to call off the indepen-



Not such a struggle: Lord Irwin takes tea, 1931

dence campaign in return for aspiration and no new materithe Viceroy prohibiting alchohol, cutting Civil Service pay, permitting civilians to carry arms and other hare-

brained schemes. Read and Fisher jog through the history of Indian independence with no great when the Congress Party

legislatures 20 years later the British governors often found themselves having to restrain their Indian ministers from firing on rioters: "Why don't they shoot sooner?" was the question one governor was constantly asked by his ONLY a brief epilogue covers

the events of partition, following the independence celebrations in 1947. This is as well. for in many ways the story of partition cannot be told as an objective narrative. Rather it is 11 million individual tragedies, when in a few months more retrible things were done than had taken place in the preceding 200 years of British hegemony.

Jad Adams's Dynasty: The Nehru-Gandhi Story (with Phillip Whirehead) was published in July by Penguin/BBC

Bargains of the week: from student flights to Mexico to self-catering cottages in Co Clare

HOLIDAYS

TUSCAN apartments in a farmhouse overlooking the River Arno are available from August 23 for a formight for £609 a person, a £77 saving. from Crystal Italy, with return flights from Gatwick or Manchester and car hire. Details: 0181-390 5554.

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FLIGHTS "

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ADTES!

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BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

ONE OF Britain's fastest growing holiday companies claims it can bring down the-cost of cruising from British ports by more than 50 per cent

 by cutting out travel agents.
 Direct Holidays has chartered a 34-year-old 33,000 tonne liner, renamed her the Edinburgh Castle and plans to run a programme of 15 cruises a year from Liverpool and Greenock from next April.

Duncan Wilson, director of Direct Cruises, said that although prices for cruises from Mediterranean ports had fall-en sharply since Thomson and Airtnurs moved into the mar-ket, prices for UK-based cruises were still far too high.

One of the main reasons is that travel agents get up to 28 per cent commission when they sell a cruise, he says. "We sell direct, so at a stroke we can dramatically cut the costs. A cruise on a P&O ship would cost £2,000 be instantly £550 cheaper by missing out the travel agent. And when we use our size and efficiency we can get it even lower."

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The Edinburgh Castle was orginally the Eugenio Costa and rated among the best equipped three-star liners in the world. She is now undergoing extensive refurbishment in Genoa and will be brought to Britain in time for next

year's peak season.
Direct Holidays claims that the ship will be able to offer top quality service comparable to that provided by P&O on the soon-to-be-scrapped Can-

Once the Edinburgh Castle is fully operational she will visit 44 different ports throughout the Mediterra-nean and the Canaries, and sail north to such newly popular destinations as Greenland and the Facroe

Cheaper Hot prices and cold-climate hols cruises

Families pay more for late breaks

Thomson Square Deal pack-

ages to Ibiza and Gran Cana-

ria for a fortnight's self-catering were available for

£1.556 for a family with child-

ren of secondary-school age, including flights from the city's airport on Monday.

More attractively priced deals to Rhodes for £1,396 and

Turkey for £1,256, both starting next Wednesday, were also on offer provided families were prepared to travel to Manchester and Teesside air-

ports respectively.
The Edward Mellor Holi-

day Shop in Stockport offered

various packages from Man-chester airport for the next two

weeks but most were expen-

sive. Self-catering in two-star apartments in Samos, Greece,

will cost £1,936 for a family

with two school-age children and three-star self-catering in Ibiza will cost 12,096.

At Bowen Travel, Wolver-hampton, Caroline Haywood,

the manager, said: "If people

really want to get away while

the children are off school.

they will pay the prices."
At Eton Travel Agency in

Wokingham, Berkshire, noth-

ing was available for families before next Friday when a

fortnight's half-board in a hotel in Majorca would cost a family with two children be-

Southern Travel in Dork-

ing, Surrey, could offer only a week's half-board in Majorca

from August 23 for £1,716 with

At Lumn Poly, Cardiff; no packages were available from

the city's surport until next

Wednesday when a fortnight's

bed and breakfast accommo-

dation in Rhodes would cost a

agent's Bristol

said: "All-inclusive accommo-

dation is impossible for the

remainder of the holidays.

tween £1,300 and £1,400.

a flight from Gatwick.

family of four £1,396.

BY TONY DAWE

FAMILIES searching for a package deal before the school holidays end in three weeks can still find a variety of places in the Mediterranean and the Canary Isles at a price.

A survey of travel agents reveals that families with two children will have to pay at least £1,250 and possibly as much as £2,000 for a fort-

night's holiday in late Angust.

A couple of smaller travel
agents in London and
Manchester had nothing for the next three weeks while several others could only offer holidays beginning next Thursday or Friday, which could eat into term time.

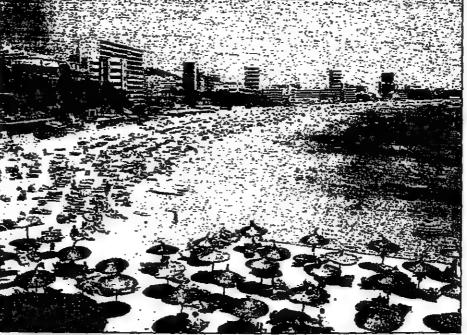
However, the picture is slightly brighter for would-be holidaymakers than the in-dustry has painted. Tour oper-ators had predicted that little would be available at the last minute because of a rush of bookings brought on by building society windfalls and poor weather in June.

"It's tight for late August but families will still be able to find holidays if they are flexihid nondays it they are tex-ble and don't expect bar-gains," said Tony Bennett, managing director of Going Places, a high street agency. The survey found that the best selection of late August

packages were available in Glasgow and Newcastle. Both Going Places and Wallace Arnold Travel in Glasgow were able to offer family. breaks at short notice for the last two weeks in August, but all were expensive compared with previous years.

Destinations included Corfu, the Costa del Sol, Majorca and Malta. A holiday in the Costa del Sol in a self-catering apartment, to be allocated on arrival, for two adults and two young children started at £329

At AT Mays in Newcastle,



The cool north is cashing in By CATHERINE CHETWYND

AS BRITISH summers become hotter, holidaymakers are seeking to escape, rather than find, the sun. Thousands now head either for the cool of the mountains or the icecaps of the north, rather than the heat of the south.

For them, the Alps, Scandinavia and even the Arctic Circle are starting to take recedence over traditional naunts such as the Greek islands, the South of France and italy. Mike Rigby, regional manager UK and Ireland for Braathens, the Norwegian airline, says that even in July bookings were up 16 per cent

Tour operators have also been noticing unexpected demand. Colin Trigger. managing director of Scantours, the specialist operator to Scandinavia, says evidence that Britons are waiting to move northwards, away from

the heat, is strong.
"Traditionally," he says,
"the market for Norway and northern Europe is dead by August. This year we are taking a lot of bookings every day and there is a big difference. We are seeing interest at February levels."

There have also been inquiries about Iceland and Spitzbergen because of its nearness to the North Pole.

Mr Trigger says that Scandinavia is well suited to changes in holidaymakers' requirements as tourists become more adventurous and more restless, spending an average of three nights in an area, then moving to another, and often seeking less obvious destinations. "Certainly." he adds. "we are bowling along in August, when we would normally expect to be dealing only with city-break bookings,

not package arrangements." Christine Ball of Travelscene says that despite the stronger pound, sterling packages to Scandinavia and Iceland are not the cheapest, and it can be expensive once you get there. "Despite that," she says, "these destinations remain popular, and we have had interest in late bookings."

This is also true of Saga Holidays, whose cruises to the Arctic are now booked solid. Because packages are aimed at older travellers, bookings are usually made well in advance. But a spokeswoman says: "We have had a number of late bookings to cooler areas such as Scandinavia



The figrds of Norway and other cool attractions are luring British tourists away from traditionally popular hotspots

Jellyfish sting English swimmers

Airlines Don't take Disney for a ride

them look like skeletons.

than \$1 million in damages.

and Disney eventually agreed an out-of-court settlement,

largely because the family had

initially been taken backstage

after having been falsely ac-

cused of shoplifting.

The Disneyland park at
Anaheim, California, is esti-

mated to receive one big law-

suit a week, with about 100

cases active at any one time.

(The figures are similar for

Walt Disney World, in Flori-da.) But David Koenig, a

former Disneyland employee

who monitors the court cases,

says fewer than one in 20 has a

chance of reaching court and

"It's difficult to heat Disney

in court," he said. "Unlike.

many other large corpora-

tions, it won't settle suits just

to make them go away, no matter how Mickey Mouse the

winning damages.

The family claimed more



Compass jellyfish: Beware my sting

charge for

oxygen

YOUNG WOMAN suffer-

ing from cystic fibrosis — a disease that makes breathing

difficult — was charged £500 by Singapore Airlines to use

oxygen. The charge is among the highest recorded by con-

sumer groups and a medical

charity, which have now launched a campaign to

shame airlines into dropping

charges for oxygen. Many airlines charge £200

per round trip, and claim that

it costs much more than that to

have the equipment available

on board. Some charge only a

small fee, others nothing. Helen Thomas, 24, of West

London, had booked a return

flight to Australia last year.

well in advance. She suffers

from cystic fibrosis, but the

effects are slight and there was

no indication that she might

Anne. her mother, said:

"Her condition deteriorated,

and she was told she would

see she would have to pay a

further 5500. With everything

booked and arranged, she had

no option but to borrow the

Singapore Airlines said yes-

terday that its policy was to

charge half the cost of a nor-mal fare. A spokesman said:

It is not the use of the oxygen

as such but the use of a seat. We have to secure the cylinder

money and pay up."

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MILLIONS of stinging jellyfish that have drifted towards packed beaches this summer have prompted safety expens to warm battiers to take special care during the hot weather.

Scores of people swimming off East Anglia have been stung by large numbers of compass jellyfish, so called because of their chocolate, V-shaped markings which ancient mar-iners thought resembled those on a ship's compass. The creatures have been making people sick for up to 48 hours, and a few victims have been taken to hospital.

The compass, Chrysgora hysoscella, is common in the Atlantic, North Sea and the Channel But numbers off the East Coast have been exceptional this summer. Bernie Gray, a beachguard at Gorieston-on-Sea, near Great Yarmouth, says: "I have never seen as many as have been here in the past three weeks." Dr Paul Cornelius, head of the

By DAVID CHURCHULL,

DISNEYLAND is the latest

victin of the growing American hobby of sning for alleged injuries or other claims.

A Californian judge last week gave the go-ahead for a legal action — which Disney is

contesting - by Billie Jean

Matay, a grandmother who

claims that her grandchildren

were traumatised when they

were taken behind the scenes

and saw Mickey Mouse and

Donald Duck without their

costume heads. The family

had been taken backstage

after a robbery in the car park.

lawsuit in which a family

claimed damages for the trau-

ma suffered by their four-year-

old, who, when taken

backstage, was said to have

been terrified at seeing the

characters without their

heads because the breathing

and cooling devices made claims may be."

This came after a similar

Drates characterised by having sun ing structures) research programme at the Natural History Museum, said there were several species of jellyfish around the British isles, some of which sting, some of which are harmless. Even the compass can be

unpredictable, with some being sting-

ers and others not. Few British jellyfish are really dangerous, but even mild stings can bother some swimmers, especially if they are sensitive to bee, hornet or wasp stings. A jellyfish sting can trig-ger a condition known as anaphylactic shock, which causes breathing

difficulties and boil-like rashes. The lion's mane, Cyanea capillata, can be found from the Bristol Channel, up to the West Coast of Scotland and down to East Anglia. It has a reddish tinge and is about 8in across, with thousands of fine tentacles. "Its sting is like a nettle, but some people experience a far worse reaction," Dr Cornelius says.

generally harmless.

Related to the lion's mane is Cyanea lamarckii. It is smaller and blue in colour and "stings very gently". It is found in the same range as the lion's mane, as is the harmless football jellyfish, Rhizostoma palmo, an off-white variety that swims under the surface and can weigh up to 30kg.

One of the most fearsome, but rarely sighted, creatures is the Portuguese man-of-war — not a jellyfish at all, but a colony of small creatures with huge numbers of tentacles that from time to time pitches up from the Azores. It can measure 10in across and its sting has been known to kill

◆ A tiny freshwater jellyfish. Craspeda custa sowerbyi — a non-stinging variety, with markings like a hot-cross bun — can be seen in the Thames near Teddington.

But litigious American visi-

tors seem willing to sue for

any reason, however unlikely

their chances of success. One

man claimed that the crowds

at the afternoon parades had

traumatised his family, while

another parent alleged that the Winnie-the-Pooh character

had hit her nine-year-old

daughter in the face. The full-

time Disney legal team suc-

cessfully proved - by bringing the character into

court - that the costume's

arms were too close to the

ground to have caused the

One legal action that suc-

ceeded in the long term was in-

itiated by two men, Andrew

Exter, 19, and Shawn Elliott.

17. who accused Disney of

sexual discrimination when

they were prevented from dancing together in the Video-

polis arena. Eventually,

Disneyland was forced to end

any sexual discrimination

• Dr Thomas Stuttaford, page 16

Imports threaten rare animals

By TONY DAWE

TOURISTS heading for exotic holiday destinations are being warned against buying souvenirs that could threaten certain wild plants and animals with extinction.

The World Wide Fund for Nature advised this week that the top ten long-haul destinations, identified by Association of British Travel Agents' surveys, all contain endangered wildlife and that "careless purchases" could boost illegal

or damaging trade in them.

The fund has produced a
Buyer Beware! list to guide tourists through bazaars, markets and airport shops abroad. Top of the list is Thailand, where tourists are warned against buying live orchid plants and ivory carvings. Visitors may be prosecuted for bringing home the plants, but can buy cut flowers grown in nurseries. It says the carvings, on sale at Bangkok airport, could come from the highly endangered Asian elephant.

Tourists heading for Ameri ca's Old West are told: 'Do not be tempted by wall hang-ings displaying the feathers of wild birds. All native wild birds are protected in the United States; possessing even a feather is illegal."

It points out that failure to obtain a permit for certain snakeskin boots or lizard-skin belts could result in Customs impounding your souvenir. The fund asks tourists not to buy sea-turtle shells in The Gambia or tortoiseshell jewellery in the Caribbean. It also says that permits are required to bring home some encased butterflies from Malaysia and products made from Canadian walrus tusks. James Martin-Jones, head

of conservation policy at WWF-UK. says: "As people travel further afield, they face an increasing variety of souve-nirs made from endangered species. It is imperative that they do not contribute to the demise of these species by unwittingly getting caught up in the illegal wildlife trade."



Compensation lottery chaos

ow much compensation will you or your relatives receive if you are injured or killed in an air crash?

Millions of people are flying around the globe with not the slightest idea of the extent of cover provided by their airline for personal injury or death.

Air accident compensation is little short of a scandal. Everything depends on which airline you fly with. which government has signed various international agreements and which route

The airlines, through the International Air Transport Association (IATA), are trying to sort things out. But there is much still to be done. British Airways became one of the first carriers to implement an lata-sponsored agreement to abolish legal limits on air accident compensation payments.
British Midland has not

signed the agreement but has implemented it. The carrier is now covered by an insurance policy providing unlimited damages. Yet the victims of last

week's Korean Airlines (KAL) crash on Guarri will be limited to compensation of about \$140,000 (£88,000): even though the airline agreed to abolish the limit it has not yet received government approval to do so. To understand how this

mess developed, you have to look back nearly 70 years. when, in 1929, the Warsaw Convention limited compensation to \$10,000 per passenger. This limit remained in force until 1955, when The Hague Protocol doubled it.

The United States then began worrying about air-lines that might be carrying its citizens and pressed air-

lines to adopt the 1966 Montreal Agreement, which set a compensation limit of \$75,000 per person for all flights to or from America.

As the number of international airlines grew, so did the realisation that international agreements should cover other parts of the world. So, from 1969, many governments, including the UK, approved a new limit of 100,000 Special Drawing Rights - a reserve currency operated by the International Monetary Fund, equivalent to about \$140,000.

Still this was considered insufficient, particularly by the newly wealthy nations of the Far East. In 1992 Japanese airlines unilaterally waived all limits in a breakthrough move.

in 1995. IATA also voluntarily decided to waive the limits and wrote its own agreement, the Intercarrier Agreement on Passenger Liability. All 256 member airlines were asked to sign. So far only 90 have done so. That agreement, however, binds airlines only to "take action to waive the limitation of liability ... and not actually to implement it. Only 55 have signed the implementation agreement.

Meanwhile, the US Government steadfastly refuses to rescind the Montreal Agreement, fearing that if it did so, American citizens who flew on airlines that have not signed up to the new one would not be covered even by the Montreal accord.

Action is urgently needed to give passengers the comfort of knowing that, in the event of a disaster, they or their relatives will be adequately and quickly compensated, whichever airline they

Hold on to your boots and baggage

Most legal actions involve

allegations of personal injury.

with the Autopia car ride and

Matterhorn Bobsled

rollercoaster rides the source

of the highest number of

"Many 'victims' orchestrate

their own accident," Mr

Koenig says. They'll stage a

fall, or deliberately step in

front of a streetcar."

HOLIDAYMAKERS bound for walking holidays abroad are to be told to check in at Heathrow wearing their boots and to carry a change of clothing in their hand inggage. So many bags have gone missing at the airport that one tour operator is to warn its clients to take essential luggage on to the plane with them, rather than put it in the hold.

Janine Graysmark, marketing manager of London-based HF Holidays, which specialises in guided walking tours, said: "As a result of the feedback we have had from customers who have lost luggage on Heathrow to Munich flights, we are advising clients to wear their boots and By RONALD GRIBBLE

carry a change of clothing with them."
On July 26 John and Kit Adlington from Oxford flew from Heathrow for a 14day mountain-walking holiday in Austria, only to find on arrival in Munich that their cases had disappeared. British Airways offered them an overnight pack containing T-shirts and toothpaste. The luggage was delivered to their hotel at Mayrhofen five days later. Mr Adlington. a university lecturer, said: "Having no luggage for a week is bad enough, but when it finally did arrive the contents was wet and stained. We had to buy new

clothes and walking boots at the resort." On August 2, 15 members of another British party arrived at Munich to discover that their luggage had also vanished. BA offered overnight bags and

Bags have also been separated from passengers on flight transfers. The domino effect has caused lost-luggage chaos at Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

250 marks (about £87) per passenger.

A BA spokesman said that the backlog 2,000 misplaced bags were still waiting at Heathrow to be reunited with their owners last Friday - had now been cleared. A new improved system was due to start at the airport next month.

TRAVEL ON SATURDAY

 Spain special: Leslie Thomas in Grazalema Mary Gold in Mauritius

 America: Sarah Anderson in New Mexico Jill Crawshaw's selects autumm breaks

CRICKET: WARWICKSHIRE SET STIFF TARGET IN NATWEST TROPHY SEMI-FINAL

Sussex reel under Hemp blitz

EDGBASTON (Sussex won toss): Sussex, with eight wick-ets in hand, need 300 runs to

SUSSEX'S romantic run in the NatWest Trophy has been built on their ability to fulfil one improbable dream after another, but their hopes of playing Essex in the linal at Lord's on September 6 ap-peared last night to reside well and truly in the land of make-

They had remained in contention for much of a day severely disrupted by torrential rain and bad light, but, in a last telling session that began with Warwickshire on 184 for two after 40.4 overs. they wilted in the heat of a ferocious assault from a team intent on a fourth 60-overs final in five years.

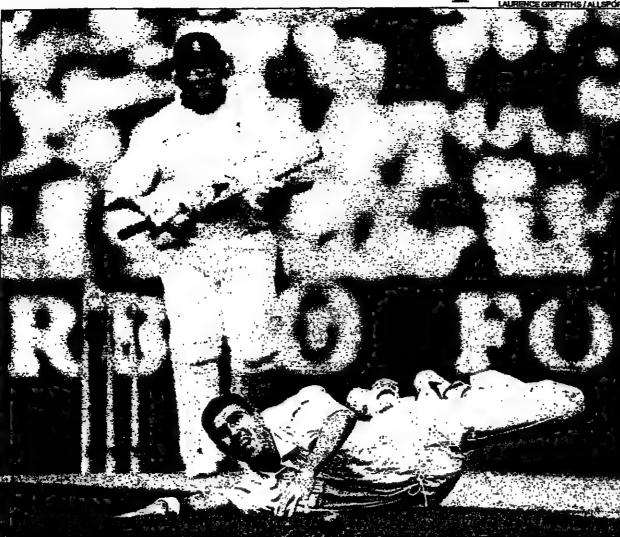
In the remaining 116 balls of the Warwickshire innings. 158 runs poured forth, 91 of them to an inspired David Hemp. who is now repaying his new club for his early struggles. Driving and pulling with great power, he stayed until the end, scoring III, from 93 balls with seven fours and five sixes, to add to his matchwinning century in the previous round against Middlesex.

Warwickshire finished with an imposing 342 for three, 15 more than Sussex conceded at Derby in the quarter-finals, and nor was that the end of the visitors' woes.

Given an agonising 40 minutes to bat as the shadows lengthened on a now sunjit evening, they quickly lost Greenfield and Rao, the men responsible for their unlikely wins over Lancashire, the holders, and Derbyshire.

Greenfield was needlessly sacrificed in the first over. going for a second run and being easily beaten by Giles's throw from the deep. in Welch's second over, Rao was adjudged by umpire Ken Palmer to have been caught low down by Ostler at slip, although replays suggested

otherwise. At 12 for two, Sussex looked beyond reprieve. It could scarcely have been a more disastrous two hours for them. With the exception of Jarvis, who had bowled with woeful inaccuracy earlier in the day, they had stuck to their task



Robinson, the Sussex seam bowler, makes a vain attempt to intercept an off drive for four by Moles

well in the field. Drakes and Robinson bowled with exemplary discipline and little luck their combined figures were 24-6-72-2 - the fielding was tidy and they would not have discounted the possibility of chasing 300 to win on an

excellent pitch. Smith and Moles, both of whom made half-centuries, may have put on 130 for the first wicket but it had taken them nearly half the innings to do so. It was partnership of 142 in 22 overs between Hemp and Ostler that changed the course

of events. Sussex could not stem the flow of runs and when four catches -- of varying degrees of difficulty -- were put down in the space of four overs, the heart went out of their cricket.

off an over from Khan, the leg spinner, including three sixes driven and pulled with murderous power, as Warwickshire ran riot.

Ostler weighed in with 58 at nearly a run per ball and Penney with 25 at a better rate than that as Sussex's fielding became ragged and distracted. They knew the dream was

Such excitement for the Edghaston faithful, who numbered nearly 10,000, had seemed unlikely earlier in the day when several downpours - the one in late morning.

EDGBASTON SCOREBOARD

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í	*N M K Smith & Reo h K Mauell 7
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	D P Ostler b Dreken
	T L Penney not out
	D L Hemps not but
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	Piper, G.C Small and A.A Donald did no

Total (2 wkts, 11 overs) K Newell, N R Taylor, "IP Moones, V C Drakes, P W Jarvis, A A Khan and M A Robinson to bitt. FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-12. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-130, 2-150, 3-292.

Greenfield run out

CW JAthey not out KReoc Ostler b Welch.....

BOWLING: Welch 6-1-20-1; Brown 4-0-12-0; Glies 1-0-10-0.

torrential - consigned the tie

to a second day.

The key to Sussex's wins over Lancashire and Derbyshire had been that they were granted the better conditions in which to bat and this seemed likely to be the case when they won toss and chose

The ball swong at times and checked the progress of Smith and Moles and with more luck for the bowlers it could have been a very different story.

While Smith fed.off Jarvis's waywardness, 'Moles struggled to settle with his damaged hand, played and missed time and again and edged perilous-ly short of slip. He had crambled four runs off 34 balls before he punched his first boundary in the eleventh

India's players fined by match referee Jayasuriya, who finished with a bat-

EVERY member of the India team in the drawn second Test with Sri Lanka, which finished in Colombo yesterday, has been fined nearly double his match fee by the referee, John Reid, of New Zealand, because of the side's dismal over-rate.

Reid, who imposed individual fines of 27,000 rupees (about £475) said: "I am very disappointed that the India team has created a record for over-rate fines ... but I am equally concerned that very little effort was made to speed up, despite them being advised daily of their position." One day, the Indians were 22 overs short of their allocation. at the time set for close of play.

Mohammad Azharuddin hit his nineteenth Test century to steer India to a draw after they had been left 373 to win in a minimum of 103 overs. The loss of two wickets in the first session. after they had resumed at 49 without loss, convinced India that a draw was their best option and they finished at 281 for five, with Azharuddin on 108.

The former India captain gave three chances during an innings in which he faced 175 balls and hit 14 fours. Muthiah Muralitharan, the off spinner, dropped a hard return catch and the wicketkeeper. Romesh Kaluwitharana, put down a simple catch when Azharuddin tried to cut Sanath Jayasuriya, who later missed a caught and bowled opportunity.

It was Azharuddin's fifth-wicket partnership of 110 with the left-handed Saurav Ganguly that put the match beyond Sri Lanka, after they had begun the day in promising fashion, dismissing Navjot Sidhu, for 16, in the fourth over and Rahul Dravid for six soon afterwards to leave India 75 for

Sachin Tendulkar went cheaply and Sajeeva de Silva had the dangerous Ajay Jadeja caught in the gully for 73. But Sri Lanka had to wait another 132 minutes for their next success, when Ganguly was caught behind off Muralitharan for 45.

Aravinda de Silva, who made a century in each innings, was named the man of the match and Sanath ting average of 190.33, was voted the

man of the series. SRI LANKA: Pirst Immogs 332 (P A de Silve 146; D Mohanty 4 for 78. Second Immigs 415-7 dec (S T Jaya-suriya 199, P A de Silva 120).

M Azhanuddin not out
5 C Sanguly e Katuwitharara ti Moralharan
10 R Moraga not out
Extras (b 1, 1b 7, nb 7)

BOWLING Vaas 17-2-42-1; 8 de Silva 16-4-32-1; Muratifraran 35-5-98-3; Pushpekumara 14-1-50-0; Jayasunya 10-4-24-0; Jayaswandana 8-1-29-0. Umpires: R Koertzen (South Africa) and B C Coorey (Sri Lanks). RUGBY LEAGUE

Goulding stripped of club captaincy

BY CHRISTOPHER LIVING

ST HELENS stripped Bobbie Goulding of the club captaincy and replaced him with Chris Joynt, his Great Britain colleague, just hours before the world club championship play-off game against Paris St-Germain last night.

The disciplinary reasons behind the decision were not specified by the club, but Goulding's surprise removal is believed to have followed incidents on the club's recent ill-starred visit to Australia and New Zealand in the world championship.

Although originally select-ed at scrum-half for last night's game at Knowsley Road, Goulding was expected to withdraw for personal reasons. His wife gave birth to their third child this week, but the baby has heart problems and is on a life-support machine. "This is a genuine reason and we fully understand Bobbie's wishes to be with his wife," David Howes, the St Helens chief executive, said,

In an earlier brief statement, Eric Ashton, the club chairman, said that the replacement of Goulding by Joynt would take immediate effect and that the decision had been made in consultation with Shaun McRae, the St Helens coach, who presum-

ably supported the measure. Goulding's career has been overshadowed by controversy and misadventure, including a walk along the roof of one coach's car. Rugby league's most frequently reformed player looked finally to have turned over a new leaf when his greater maturity was re-warded with the St Helens captaincy last season, in which he led the chub to the double of Super League championship and the Chall-

enge Cup. This s≋ason, St Hckens have not been the force they were and Goulding has been enmeshed in contractual and disciplinary problems, nota-bly a six-match ban for a high tackle, which kept him out of the successful Challenge Cup defence until the final. At Wembley, he let Joynt receive

the trophy as a deed of thanks. Sir Rodney Walker is con-sidering his future as chairman and director of the Rugby Football League. After yesterday's meeting of clubs to discuss issues facing the game before a meeting of the Rugby League Council on September 3, Sir Rodney revealed that he was not certain

The council meeting is expected to decide on far-reaching changes to the game, including a new competition to be run with the British Amateur Rugby League Assoclation and salary-capping. Maurice Lindsay, the RFL

to seek re-election.

chief executive, said: "The clubs have decided that a salary cap is an essential part of our survival."

TENNIS

Henman digs deep to find winning touch

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TIM HENMAN staged a remarkable escape to beat Daniel Vacek, of the Czech Republic, in the second round of the Pilot Pen International in New Haven, Connecticut. The British No I was a set down and 0-40 on his service at 4-4 in the second set before coming through to win 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

His fightback, due largely to some fine serving, meant that he avoided a third successive opening match exit as he prepares for the US Open. On his way to victory, Henman sent down one of his fastest services, which was measured at 130mph. That helped him to set up a second-set tie-break that he dominated after two early points went against

A break of service at the start of the third set put Henman in control of the match for the first time and he then started to return service better, find more rhythm with his groundstrokes and go to the net more often.

For much of the first two. sets, the No 7 seed had opted for a conservative policy of sticking to the baseline. "After the way I have played in the last couple of weeks, I wanted to make sure I played more consistently," Henman said. I preferred to stay back more and give myself bigger mar-gins of error. It's good to come through a difficult match like

Henman will next meet Brett Steven, of New Zealand, who recorded a surprise victory against Jim Courier, of the United States.

Three weeks ago. Courier captured his 21st career title in Los Angeles but he has not won a single match since. After losing to Fabrice Santoro in Montreal and Albert Costa in Cincinnati, the former world No I was humbled 6-2, 6-2 by Steven. Courier looked sluggish

against the more enterprising New Zealander, who made Courier uncomfortable by serving powerfully and keeping the ball deep.

to attack from the net and, not enough to prevent Steven claiming an easy victory.

"It was a tough match."

Courier said. "He played very

well, served effectively and didn't make many mistakes. On my side of the coin, I made a lot of unforced errors. That ... Martinez, of Spain, the No 7 was pretty much the Greg Rusedski, the British

No2, who is within three places of Henman in the world rankings at No 24, faces a second-round match today against Jeff Salzenstein, of the United States, a wild-card -

Sargsian. of Armenia, but Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Rusia, the No I seed, advanced with a 5-7, 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Cecil Mamiit, of the United States. Mahesh Bhupathi, of India, lost after serving for the match against Javier Sanchez, of

points in the next two games and then dropped his service again to go down 6-2, 6-7, 7-5. Monica Seles, the No I seed, made a solid start in her attempt to win the Canadian Open in Toronto, beating Asa

Spain. Leading 5-4 in the final set, Bhupathi won just two

Carlsson, of Sweden, 6-2, 6-4. Seles, who was playing only two days after her tournament victory in Los Angeles, said: "It's tough to play so soon after such a high but it was a good win today," she said. "Asa is one of the biggest lighters our there so I really had to go for my shors."

The unseeded Capriati, returning to action after three months out with an ankle injury, quickly picked up the winning thread in beating Silvia Farina, of Italy,



Heannac back to form

6-4, 6-3. Capristi, 21, recovered from a 3-0 first-set delicit and was also 2-0 down in the

"I play better when I'm down," Capriati said, "but I wish I could just come out from the first point and not dig myself a hole. My ankle still gets a little sore but it shouldn't stop me from playalthough Courier scored with ing any more. I wouldn't say a few stinging passes, it was it's 100 per cent, but it's good enough to play on."

Among the seeded players who advanced to the third round were Mary Pierce, of France, the No 6 seed, who best Sonya Jeyaseelan, of Can-ada, 6-1, 6-1 and Conchita seed, who came through 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 against Yuka Yoshida. of Japan.

. The seeded players to go out included Irina Spirlea, of Ro-mania, the No 9 seed; Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, of Holland, the No.12 seed; Rexandra Dragomis, of Romania, the No 13 seed, and

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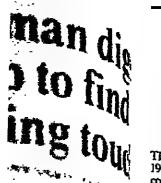
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RACING: STOUTE RULES OUT ENTREPRENEUR AS JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL FIELD TAKES SHAPE

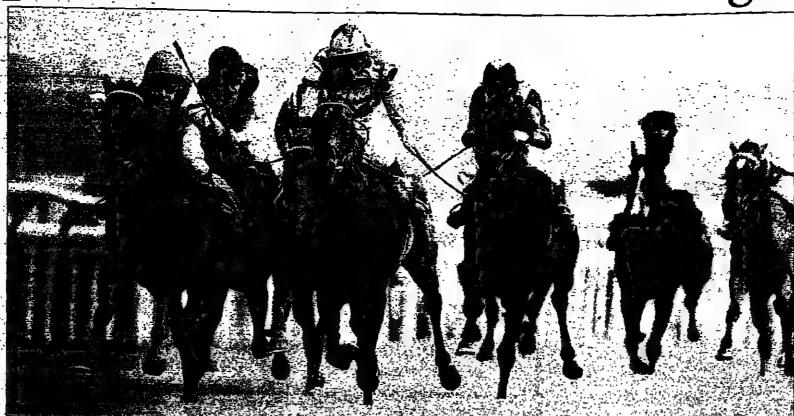
Singspiel cleared for York challenge

THE three-year-old class of 1997 seems condemned to continue its parched, patriless journey through the summer. Yesterday the prospect of an imminent return to action for Entrepreneur - who had given the classic generation such an authentic air of quality when winning the 2,000 Guineas back in the spring proved a cruel mirage. . .

Unraced since his subsequent Derby failure, the colt was unable to persuade Michael Stoute on Newmarket Heath that he is ready for the Juddmonte International Stakes at York on Tuesday. By contrast, his senior stablemate, Singspiel, continues to set an exemplary standard, assuring the trainer that he has shrugged off a gruelling defeat in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes a bare 19 days

After working this morning, Singspiel is an intended runner at York." Stoute said yesterday. "Although Entre-preneur worked pleasingly. we feel he would benefit from a bit more time, and he will not take part." The fact is, of course, that Entrepreneur would have to be better than ever to win Tuesday's race; connections may now wait to see if the Irish Champion Stakes on September 13 affords a less slippery foothold. That race provides an ideal three-week platform for the

Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. It would be harsh, however, to tar the Derby winner himself with too glibly denigrating a brush. Benny The Dip, who



Harmonic Way, left, fends off Inchtina by a short head in a thrilling finish at Salisbury yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

performed with honour against his seniors in the Coral-Echipse, went with plenty of dash in his own work with Decorated Hero. Significantly, he was ridden by Willie Ryan, set to keep the ride after. the coit's American owner, Landon Knight, had shown an unworthy interest in restoring Olivier Peslier. The Frenchman rode Benny The Dip to win his Derby trial, the Dante Stakes, over the Juddmonte course and distance in May.

The fillies' equivalent, the Musidora Stakes, was won in astonishing fashion by the subsequent Oaks winner, Reams Of Verse. She was another to impress on the gallops, but it seems that Henry Cecil is managing to ensure that she does not take on his other star filly. Bosra Sham, at York. This despite the fact that Khaled Abdulla, her owner, sponsors the Juddmonte and would person-

ally favour boistering the race

- albeit a tougher undertaking than the Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks the following

Either way, he can look forward to seeing his exciting juvenile, Chester House, in the Deploy Acomb Stakes on the opening card. Sloth and naivete disguised the true merit of his debut success on an unsuitable course at Goodwood. Others pencilled in for a most informative contest include Jazz Club, who beat four

winners on his Haydock debut last week, and Teapot Row.

There were one or two interesting youngsters on view at Salisbury yesterday, nota-bly Social Charter. The Nureyev colt, bogged down in the Ascot mud on his debut, gave Robert Sangster a twelfth wedding anniversary present in the opener — though Peter Walwyn could not interest him in an even fiver about confirming form with his promising runner-up,

Majaari. (Sangster asked for £5 to £2). Later on the card, Soviet Bureau showed why he is Gay Kelleway's first Derby entry — though, if she follows her father's example, he will not be the last.

This most pleasant of racecourses also staged its only listed race, the Upavon Fillies' Stakes, in which Dust Dancer ran out a decisive winner. She was the first to win in this grade in Britain for Suave

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JOCKEYS: K During, 50 witners from 251 notes, 23.5%, M Feating, 15 from 66, 22.7%; J Carroll, 17 from 107, 13.9%; D Holland, 9 from 57, 15.6%; J Wanner, 22 from 148, 14.9%; F Harton, 4 from 52, 12.5%. ☐ There are no horses blinkered first time

3.35 CHARLES ELREY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE

(8) 3041 STAR RACE 4 (CD.F.8) M Johnston 7-10-5 (See

4.05 HULDERMESS PONY CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,926: 5f) (7)

(1) 2321 ALWAYS LUCKY 19 (D) J Bury 9-11 P Roberts (5) (D) CELTIC VERTURE 7 M Citanon 8-8 J Fortune 2224 PATSY CULSYIN 11 (V) Afts L Sudde 6-7 O Hanson 96 B, 40 TIME 10 TIME 25 1 Eastry 8-7 L Charmock 89 (7) 5503 BLAPNEY PARK 8 C Dever 8-3 P Pressy (3) 97 55 6000 BL77 15 W Eastry 8-3 Dale Glason 97 (4) 3860 MBSS REVELED 84 M Pritten 7-13 G Bardwell 80 2-1 Always Lucky, 5-2 Patry Cultyth, 3-1 Stamey Park, 5-1 Time To Time, 10-1 Calife Venture, 16-1 Site, Miss Bevelad,

4.35 PUNCH AND JUDY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,594: 7f 100yd) (11)

Beverley Kendall, 12-1) ALSO RAN 5-1 g-law Euro Sceptic (4th), Roseate Lodge, 13-2 Anonym, 10 Breezed Well (discussified), 12 Mezphy's Gold, Squared Away (5th), Super Peris, 14 Teichild, 16 Chellry Dencer, Montone, 20 Look Who's Celling (8th) 14 ran. 1%, 2%, etc., no. 2 P Welsym at Lambourn. Tote: £12.00; £3.60, £3.30, £2.60 DF: £21.10 Tho £176.50 CSF-£77 95 Thicast £805.99, Affer a stewards: Inquiry, Breezed Well, who inhahed third, was disquisited and placed last. 2.90 (1m. 100km) 1, PETTEE Black (0

wais disquelited and placed last.

2.80 (1m 100yd) 1, PETITE RIBK (0 McKeown, 10-1); 2, Broctupe Gold (K Derley, 7-2); 3, Java Red U Fortune, 7-1).

ALSO RAN: 10-3 lew Symeter Charter, 5 Special-K (4th), 13-2 Golden Thunderbolt, 14 Philipem (5th), 18 Bail-Pet, Hotimena, 20 Curtelace (6th), 25 Ragazzo, 33 Celai & Rainbow, Irish Casts Saint Amigo, 14 ran, 14, 81, 21 let, 16t, 16t Cd Man, Tote £16-30; £8 40, £7 50, £1.30 DF: £83.00 Tho. £87.90 CSF: £42.88

ES3.00 The ES7.90 CSF- 242.88
3.00 (Im 1) 207yd) 1, PENSION FUND (J. Fortuna, 5-2); 2. Double Flight (J. Weaver, 7-11; 3, Mowjood (K. Darley, 7-4 tan), ALSO FAN 17-2 Talib, 11 Great Times, Misty Rain (4th), 12 Who's That Man, Zorta ESh), 16 Marenma (6th), 9 ten, NR; Tipperary Sunset, 14, 71, 1 Ni, 61, 1 M W. Essterby at Sherif Humon Tote 24.50, 21.50, 22.00, 27.10, DF, 21.3.10, Time 24.60 CSF- 220.84, Tricast 236.49

3.30 (71 100yd) 1, DUE SOUTH (\$ Whateorth, 5-1); 2, Haddith (M Fenton, 4-1); 3, Fair Deal (K Darley, 13-8 tav) ALSO RAN; 5 Beweste (8th), 7 Rilley, 10 Albertoth

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ALL IN LEATHER

(4.50 Sandown Park)

Next best: Bolero Kid

(4.35 Beverley)

(Sth), Mannequin (4th), 26 Rockette, Torso, Wishbone Alley 33 Mister Bunch, Royal Velvet, 12 ran NF Saddlers' Royal N, 11, 291, 390, 41 E Durrlop at Newmarket, Tote: 25 90, 22 20, 22 10, 21 10, DF: £11 50 Trio, £7.30 CSF, 256 22

E110. DF: £1150 Trio. £7.30 CSF. £26.22
4.00 (5) 1, PERFECT PEACH (I E Durcan, 3-1 & tav); 2. Arism Da (D Harrison, 11-2); 3, Inchalong (G Bardwell, 8-1) ALSO RAN: 3-1 | Hav Mislead, 5-1 Mighty Sure (4th, 11-2 High Carry (5th), 16 Crafty Per (6th) 7-na N-1, ris. 2; 51.1%, J Berry at Cockerham, Tote, £2.90, £2.30, £3.70. DF: £15.10 CSF: £18.10.

E3 70, DF- 615-10 CSF- 618-10.

4.30 (5f) 1, GORETSKI (D Harmson, 8-1):
2. Dominelle (D Winght, 14-1): 3.
Brecongill Lad (L Chemock, 6-1) ALSO
RAN 3-1 tav Double Occar, 8 Arselinan,
9 Saint Express (5th) Superbit (4th), 10
Insider Tracier, 11 Bowlers Boy (6th), 12 UNO-Herry, 14 The Wad, 16 Captain Cerel,
Just Dissident, 33 Ramsey Hope, 14 ran,
NR Butinto, My Abbey 31, 1, 41, 14 s. N
Traider at Medicn, Tole: 29 10; 25 60,
C3.70, 22.50, DF 281,30 Tno. 2260,50
CSF: £117 63 Tricast: £582.20
SAN (Lim 32 216-ch), WELL COME INN I.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Third player plays high is the old adage, but there can be exceptions, as on this hand. John Armstrong was East, playing for Britain's 'B' team in the strong 1997 Schiphol tournament they came fourth out of one hundred teams. Love all

Dealer South

796842 +A843 +KQ92 ±A 10 5 5 4 3 #J 1078 *QJ87

₹J87 +J10952 483

4A54 Contract: Three No-Trumps by South, Lead: thre of spaces.

South opened One No-Trump (15-17) and West overcalled Two Spades. Thereafter North used an artificial sequence to show a game-going hand with short spades, and East was able to indicate he wanted a

EAY

Graham Kirby (West) led a low spade; it seems natural for East to put in the king, which is what Armstrong did. But now the contract could not be beaten. If East returns a low spade at trick two, declarer puts in the queen and ducks the return; if East returns the nine of spades again the declarer plays the queen, and with East unable to regain the lead declarer has two stoppers. The declarer then made the successful guess in hearts and had nine tricks.

A Charles of the St.

err gemeiler week o

The winning play, and Armstrong says he should have found it, is for East to play the nine of spades at trick one. If declarer wins, the defence can take the rest of the spade tricks after West wins the ace of hearts (remember, West knows from the bidding that section on Saturday.

East has a spade honour). If declarer ducks the nine of spades, East can continue with the king of spades and clear the suit.

I suppose East should think along these lines. From the Rule of Eleven he can tell that declarer has four spades higher than the five. Purther, declarer is likely to have, in Armstrong's words, one and a half stoppers'—he has bid Three No-Trumps opposite spade shortage knowing the defence are going to lead them. If declarer holds as little as Al0xx he will always have two stoppers. Thus it looks as though East must play for his partner to hold the ace of spades. So by playing the nine on the first round he can weaken the declarer's holding, and then regain the lead with the king to complete the kill. But it is a tough play to find at the table.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KRIS a. loed wine and fruit juice b. A manoeuvre at skiing c. A Malayan dagger

TRUNNION a. A gun bearing b. A small beer barrel c. A medieval torrure

a. A Norwegian delicacy b. A Javanese language c Structural material KRILLUM a. Soil conditioner b. Seafood c. Brilliantine hair cream

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BY RAYMOND KEENE Qb4 Qd4 CHESS CORRESPONDENT Clear leader

With three rounds to go of the 11 round Smith & Williamson British Chess Championship

in Hove a clear leader has finally emerged, namely grandmaster Tony Kosten who has attained 6.5/8. Amongst those on second place with 6 points are: Matthew Sadler, Tony Miles, Michael Adams, John Emms and Andrew Ledger. White: Joe Gallagher Black: Tony Kosten British Championship, August 1997 Vienna Game

3 g3 4 exd5 5 Bg2 6 bxc3 7 d3 8 N/3 9 0-0 10 h3 12 d4 14 Ng5 18 Oxb7 20 Oc4 21 Qb3 22 Be8 Diagram of final position

20 Nt3 22 Rfe1 23 Rxe1 25 c3 26 Nd2 28 Kd3 35 Kd6 36 Kc7 37 Kc8 39 c4 40 bxc4 2 2 2

ixg2 Ne8 Bh5 30 Kh2 31 Rxt2 Pod2+ Qxg3+ Qxd2 32 Kh1 White resigns White: Matthew Section Black: Matthew Tumor British Chempionship, August 1997

96 Bg7 d5 Nc3 exd5 Bc4 NI6 Nbd7 0-0 Nb6 oS exd8 9 014 Bg4 Raxd8 Rie8+ Be6 Bd5 11 Cxd6 12 Cxd6 16 Nexd5 17 Bxd5 Nbxd5 Bg5 Bxf6

Nord5 B16 Not6 Re2 Ne4 Pine1 15 K#6 Nd6 Pop8 Nxc4 g4 hxg4 Rxg4

White resigns ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Kf5

bxc4

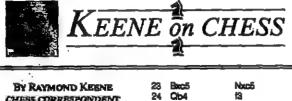
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from

the game Koronghy — Tornai, Hungary 1972.
The white king is hadly exposed and his queen is attacked. However, it is his move and the black king is also note to be had. king is also none too happy. How did White now make the most of

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runnīhg today.

Salisbury Going: good to firm

1.46 (8f) 1, SOCIAL CHARTER (J. Red, 4-7 tav); 2, Majasari (R. Hills, B-1), 3. Educative's Wash (M. Hills, B-1), 4.3. Educative's Wash (M. Hills, B-1), 5. Besse im (Sh), 5. Besse im (Sh), 5. Besse im (J. Hills, 100-30), 4.5. Educative's Harman (C. Rutier, 12-1), 3, 4. Spead (M. Hills, 100-30), 4.5. RAN 5. Durar (48), 11 Maglical Colours (8h), 18 Pilors Moor, 20 Asinbox, 50 Orsmo (5h), 55 Laby Falix B ran, NR, Royal Ground's Std, 2ht, 13-1, 3, 384. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Toke: 53. 10, E1.30, E1.70, C1.50 DF: £12.80 Trior £31.20, CSF: £17.74. Going: good to firm

E17 74.

2.45 (Im 11 209yd) 1, YOUR MOST WELCOME (G Carier, 5-1); 2, Rehaab (A Clark, 14-1); 3, Stefajack (K Fallon, 12-1).

ALSO RAN, 7-2 fav Ajorne Penther (5fth), 6 Dering Clover, 6 Medieur, 11 Pistol (4fth), 12 Zidac, 14 Wilsspering Dawn (8fth), 16 Popular, Rock The Barney, 25 Shaded, 33 Bronhellow 50 Ember, Neverold 16 tan. NR: Vola, Premiere %1, 11, 181, in, in, kn. D timech Daws at Opper Lembourn. Toss. 25 10, 51,80, 24.80, 62.80 DF 528.30. There 21.90 CSP: 599,90. Tricast £752.92

P152.92
S. (1m 11 20syd) 1, DUST DANCER (B. Doyle, 10-1), 2, Dragonada (K. Fallon, 5-2 las); 3, The Faraway Tree (M. Hills, 11-1) ALSO RAN-7-2 Birl Baedee (4th), 7 Cops Petitle, 8 Kenmist (5th), 10 Marsech Westein Hour (6th), 11 Vagabond Charteuse, 25 Kinlochswe, 10 ran 9, 1141, 14. 2%, 3 M. J. Durlop at Anuncial Tock 154.95, 4 O. 0, 51.50, 62.30 DF: 624.30 This: 594.70 CSF: 623.68. Trio: £94.70 CSF. £33.68.

3.45 (6) 212yd) 1, WILDCAT (J. Reid. 3-1 | I-leay); 2, Farill Demor (M. Telobutt, 3-1 | I-leay); 3, Sellige (C. Rutier, 8-1). ALSO RAN-7 Fung Shul, 10 Disie Crossneads, Resurrection, 16 Espresso (6th.), 20 Ledy El Waytogomo, 25 Francesca's Folly (4th.), 33 Every Penny (5th.), Rorel Park, Princess Deya, 50 Sylphade, 14 ran, NR- Boy Watch, NJ, 2th.), W. rk, sh of R Hamnon at East Everleigh Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £3.50 Trio: £20.10 CSF: £3.65 A. 415, ft. 3, 212yd.), 1. S. Otter Bushall, ft.

DF: £350 Trior £20.10 CSF: £8 66.
4.15 (6) £12yd) 1, SOVET BUREAU (K. Fallon, 14-1); 2, Derk Moorndencer (J. Red. 2-1 law); 3, Krispy Knight (M. Hills, 5-2).
ALSO RAN, 5 Ourimus, 8 Cassoc Manochre, 12 Tumbhweed Prospect, Windomer, 20 Close Up (4th), 25 Santone (6th), 30 Chair Casher, Leer Speer (6th), 50 High Jinks, Sherpa, 19 ran, NR: Antis Al Dawn, Double Brandy 134, 395, 134, 19, 16, Miss G. Kellewey et Whitcombe Tote £21.50; \$4.10, £1.50, £1.80 DF: £34.20 Trio. £35.20, CSF: £36.79. 256.20. CSF CS6 79.

4.45 (1m 45) 1, KEEPSAKE (R Street, 11-2). 2, Sibernen Mystic (S Drowne, 13-2). 3, Persiam Blue (Dene O'Neill, 10-11 ALSO RAN, 6-4 tay Baths in Light (bth), 8 Arletly, Tart (5th), 12 Sevu See, 16 Curron Street (4th), 20 Beantching Lady, 33 Brill Rose, Certain Surprise 11 ran, Hd, 11, 54, 71, 41, M Licher at Past Gartston, Tote: 65-40; £1 70. £1 80, £2.70. DF £56.20. Tric: £83.20. CSF: £38 97 Tricast: £324 74
Jackpot: not won (pool of £8.995.82 carried forward in Sandown today).
Placepot: £11.00. Ouadpot: £7.60.

Beverley Going: good to soft

2.00 (71 100yd) 1, MARJAANA (Miss S Samworth, 10-1), 2, Stackattack (Mass E Ramaden, 7-1): 3, Cae-Jay-Ay (Miss Placepot: \$77.30. Quadpot: £9.20.

5.00 (1m st 216yd) 1. WELLCOME INN (J O'Redly, 10-1); 2, Urgent Reply (D Holland, 3-1), 3. Campaspe (J Fortune, 4-11 fav), 3 tran. NR Dancing Ousen, Nikia's Star, Tallutah Belle, The Roundsits 4I, 14I J O'Reilly Tote, 25.00. DF 45 50. CSF: £26.85

Easterby draws pension PENSION FUND made Only last Sunday at Redcar

amends for an unfortunate recent defeat and maintained Mick Easterby's run of success at Beverley yesterday. Easterby, 66, enjoying his best season for more than 20 years, insisted he was to blame for Pension Fund's failure to score in ten previous outings this season.

the frustrating gelding had thrown away victory by striking the front too soon. But, with Jimmy Fortune replac-ing the apprentice Gyles Parkin, it all came right when Pension Fund delivered a late challenge to land a gamble from 5-1 to 5-2 - in the Hull Daily Mail Handicap.

SANDOWN PARK

2.15 Means Business 3.20 SPACE RACE (nap) 3.50 Tango King 4.20 Imperial Scholar 4.50 All in Leather

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 GIKO. Our Newmarket Correspondent 4.50 ALL IN LEATHER (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

taxourite in latest race). Goung on which horse has S — solt, good to soft heavy). Owner in brackets Trainer. Age and weight. Ruder plus any allowance

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 TIMEFORM BLACK BOOK NURSERY HANDICAP

Golden Stategy in auction melden at Windsor (Si. Wichenhampton (fl. AW).

HEANS DISPUTES them On John 21st in 7-cmms seller at Lisofield (54, good to kmm) SULENT PRISE 51 2nd of 6 to Ricci From the Sun in seller at Machinetic (72, 640)

2.45 timeform perspective maiden fillies states

(2-Y-0: £3,583: 71 16yd) (15 runners) A LignMENT (Lord Weinstock) M Stante 8-11

BLUEWARN LADY (The Blue Notes) P Herm 8-11

S CLARITY 16 (L Fags) A Servis 6-11

S FARR SORAR 29 (Determent Cottage Front) K Michighth 8-11

S FORUR 21 (EF) (Wych Hell Saud) C Britain 8-11

M GOOD CATCH 27 (Lordy Barnford) P B Weither 8-11

4 HADAYIK 14 (H al-Maistourn) P Wahnyn 8-11

LESGERA (Mrs H Focte) J Duniop 8-11

LESGERA (Mrs H Focte) J Duniop 8-11

7 PRODE OF MY HEART 24 (N Harris) Beidding 8-11

NAMADE 31 1A Nacidation M Hannes 1-11

Martin Dn BETTANG: 11-4 Forum, 5-7 Hadinyk, 6-7 Charley, 7-1 Pride of My Heart, 8-1 Alignment, Spiral of The Mile, 10-1 Good Casch, Sandar, 12-1 others

1995; HAPPY GO LUCKY 8-11 5 Sandars (7-1) R O'Sulinan 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLARETY should 4:1 3nd of 16 to Opera King over good to firm) PRIDE OF MY HEART about 3':4 4th of 8 to Jay 6ee at Windsor (6), good to firm) and the product of the product at Seetwood (7).

3.20 50 YEARS OF TIMEFORM HANDICAP (£4,358; 7f 16yd) (16 runners)

1996: KDATHARY 5-8-11 J F Emm (9-2) L Coltrell 9 can

RAKES short-hand 2nd of 11 to Mare Rhou at translation over course and distincts (77, good to firm). SILE'S RELIENT 246. Styl of 19 to No Editad in hardcasp at Goodhood (7m, good to firm) with TELEMANIA (18th notice off) about 46 5th and SIRENDATIV (35b better off) 10141 17th, additionally 15th and SIRENDATIV (35b better off) 10141 17th, additionally 14 to Statement Clear in handcap at Donatter (1m, good).

3.50 TIMEFORM PHONE SERVICE HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £3,599: 1m 6f) (10 runners) BETTING: 5-1 City Hall, 11-2 Tango King, 6-1 Irsal. Smittle Art, 13-2 Proteon Topic, 7-1 Alrab 8-1 Brand New Denor, Salser Lad 12-1 cities 1998: ROBERERY ANDRUE 8-10 W J D'Concor (2-1 lev) Lady Herres 5 ren

FORM FOCUS

PSAL best Deep Wider Vf. in 4-numer handicap at Salebury (1m 4t, 8mm), TANGO KING best Juands Vf. In 17-numer handicap own course and distance (good to fam) in 17-numer handicap at Northcyten 11m 6t, pood). PRINCESS TOPAZ best intellection 214 in ATNAS best Castymine 1V4 in 6-numer handicap at Northcyten 244 in 6-numer handicap at Docaster (1m 4t, pood). Saleston DTY MAIL.

4.20 COMPUTER TIMEFORM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

SETTING: 7-4 Importal Scholar, 2-1 Warrang Express, 9-2 Tahara, 11-2 Egob, 16-1 Feel No Fear, 25-1 Annuella, 35-1 Machinera,

1998: KERRY FING 3-8-11 A McSiene (R-4 lav) J Gosden 9 can FORM FOCUS

PEEL MO FEAR 121 3rd of 5 to Gike in manden at Cheposlow (71, good to soft). AMARELLA about 10%1 4th of 7 to Fleet River in manden at Goodwood (71, good). IMPERIAL SCHOLAR 31%1 about 31 4th of 14 to Desert Track in makin at Lingbeld (11m 2), good). SHALVERTON 161 11th of 14 to Housada in Neumaniae (11m, good).

4.50 TIMEFORM RACE CARD LIMITED STAKES

(£3,420: 1m 2f 7yd) (5 runners)

FORM FOCUS

BRANDON JACK best Island Sanctuary head in 9runner handicap at Goodwood (1m 11, good to
soft).

CONTENTMENT heat Result Explain 311-mover
handicap at Windsor (1m 21, good to limit) LITINAB
31 2nd of 10 to Supply And Demand in making at
Sebestion: UK/ABYON: JACK

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS Per Eddery L Detton K Fallon J F Egan M Referen 230 51 19 179 230 112 68 27 87 144

Puce backed

THE Luca Cumani-trained Puce was cut to 7-1 (from 8-1) by William Hill yesterday for next Wednesday's Tote Ebor Handicap at York. Media Star remains the 6-1 favourite. while Bimsey was trimmed to

14-1 from 16-1.



GOLF

Winged Foot looks made to measure for Montgomerie

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN MAMARONECK, NEW YORK land hereabouts, one from

WHEN Colin Montgomerie looked at the venues for this year's US Open and US PGA Championships, he rubbed his hands. Congressional, the site of the US Open, would suit him fine. He has always felt at home on such courses. As it turned out, he finished second

In Winged Foot, where the 79th PGA Championship begins this morning, he recog-nised another US Open-type course, one requiring straight driving and accurate iron play. Since these are the strengths of Montgomerie's game, they explain why the 34 year-old Scot starts among the favourites.

Winged Foot was designed in the 1920s, a golden age for golf course architecture in the United States, when land and labour were cheap and money was plentiful in the large

This explains why there are more good golf courses in Westchester, a county the size of central London, 25 miles north of Manhattan, than in the whole of the state of Texas. Blasted out of granite, it was laid out on the highest piece of

Montgomerie: leaner

11.40 today and 15.52 tomorrow; R Philo, J Hickson, R Wildin 11.48 and 16.01: D Maren, M Standley, I Garrido (So) 11.58 and 18.10; B Chembles, P Jordan, R Black

n tireck. 12.07 and 16.18: M Breky, K Sutherland, L Mattace

L Methace
12.16 and 16.28: W Grady (Aus), H
Sutton, J Mehaffey
12.25 and 16.37: D Clarks (GB), P
Michelson, N Faldo (GB)
12.34 and 16.48: P-U Johanseon (Swe),
B Crarishaw, C Stadler
12.43 and 16.66: B Twey, P Azinger, J
Daly

12,52 and 17.04: A Mages, P Goydos, D

Walkort
13.10 and 17.22: F Couples, J Pamevk
(Site), F Nosto (NZ)
13.19 and 17.31: C Rose, E Rot, D Hert
13.29 and 17.40: P Stewert, N Price
(Zim), S Elongton (Aus)
13.37 and 17.49: 3 Applieby (Aus), N
Ozato (Japan), T Herror
13.46 and 17.58: 8 Fason, L Westwood
(CR) T Walkord

(GB), T Watson 13.55 and 18.07; T Woods, E Ele, J

Leonard 14,04 and 18,18: L Mize, J Hass, C

Strange 14.13 and 18.25: T Tokes, D Duvel, R

Diamon 14.31 and 18.43: T Kite, L Wadkins, J Stumari 14.40 and 18.52: D Resiner, R Cochran, K Trutet 14.46 and 19.01: V Singh (Fij). I Woosnem (GSI, L Janzen 14.38 and 19.10: D Pooley, J Carler, C Peny

16.07 and 19.19: K Gibson, S Andrade, T

Byzm 15.16 and 19.28; B Henninger, B Brywnt. JD Blake 15.25 and 19.37; M Burke, F Dobbs, J

15.54 and 19.46; S Schwater, J Overton.

28/1 Langer

28/1 Singh

TEE-OFF TIMES

which it was then possible to see the Hudson River five miles away.
The architect was A.W.

Tillinghast, a maverick among golf course designers, one with a tendency to wave a pistol and go on drinking binges. Tillinghast would travel from New Jersey to his New York office in a chauffeur-driven car and, when backed Broadway musicals. His inclination was to de-

sign penal courses. His views were influenced by what he learnt on trips to Scotland, where he took golf lessons from Old Tom Morris. "I think that I will always adhere to my theory that a controlled shot to a closely guarded green is the surest test of any man's golf," Tillinghast said. "Extremely large greens breed sioveniv piav

Accordingly, Winged Foot's greens are the size of side plates compared with the dinner plates of the Old Course at St Andrews. Furthermore, they are almost as quick and contoured as those at Augusta.

Faldo: respects course

19,37 and 15,25: 8 Ford, J Lee, C Tucker 19,48 and 15,34: 8 Makoeki, J White, 8

cured that now. I have been practising very well. I am very Montgomerie, like José Maria Olazabal, who is 31, falls between two generations. At 34, he is younger than the old guard, represented by Nick Price and Faldo, who are both 40. Tom Lehman, who is 38, and Greg Norman, 42

Yet he is vastly more experi-enced than Tiger Woods, who is 21, the 27-year-olds Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson, and Justin Leonard, 25. If form is anything to go by, then the year's fourth major champion-ship will be won by a twentysomething, for Woods overwhelmed the field in the Masters, Els took the US Open for the second time and

by a long way." Nick Faldo, who played in his first major

championship in the United

States here in the 1984 US

that fall off or have severe

slopes that you've really only got half or two-thirds of what

you see on which you can putt.

And then, when you get there,

you've probably got a hump in between you and the pin. This

course certainly keeps your

he has corrected the driving

fault that blighted his game on

the eve of the Open. He identified it as being due to

poor weight transference from his right side to his left on the

downswing. This is less of a problem now because Mont-gomerie, continuing a diet he began at the Irish Open last

month, is 17lbs lighter than he

was six weeks ago.
"All my weight was going back on the right side and not

coming through on to my left,"
Montgomerie said. "And,
when I hit the ball off my right

side, I tend to hook it. I have

Montgomerie believes that

attention from tee to green."

Leonard triumphed at Royal Every ten years you're going to see a new generation 8 Taylor 15.82 and 11.40: C Toulson, J Stone, M players coming out," 18.01 and 11.48: J Meson, P Celley, B his first US PGA said. "Right

now, it is those guys in their 15.10 and 11.58: G Day, M O'Mears, C Rocca (t)
18.19 and 12.07: O Brown, S Tomance
(OB) J Fund
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19.01 and 14.49: F Minoza (Phil), J Kelly, R Allanby (Aus) One such is Jim Furyk, who has finished in the top ten in eight of his past nine events. including the Open. He is a straight if not overly long driver and has the fifth lowest scoring average on the US Tour this year. Jeff Maggert is R Allerby (Aus) 19.10 and 14.58; R Gamez, P Hamington another who comes into this

(re), C Franco (Par) 19.19 and 15.07; R Gousen (SA), T Sjorn (Den), S Clink 19.28 and 15.18; S Kely, J Paeneni, J In short, whoever wins the last of the year's major championships, it will not be a



Lopez, who first graced Sunningdale's fairways two decades ago, believes this could be her year again in the British Open. Photograph: Gill Allen

Lopez benefits from family support

Patricia Davies on an American legend reproducing her best

ancy Lopez began her love affair with Sunningdale 20 years ago, right at the begin-ning of her professional career, when she finished final round with Alison Nichsecond to Judy Rankin in the olas in the US Women's Open, at Pumpkin Ridge, last Colgate European Women's Open and served notice that month. Lopez has never won

she was no ordinary golfer. Now, aged 40, two husbands, three daughters, 48 victories and numerous accolades later, the biggest name in women's golf is back, still smiling to play in the Weetabix Women's British

Open, which starts today.
"It's great to be back." Lopez, who won here in 1978 and 1979, her last visit, said. "I have lots of great memories and good, positive feelings. Everything's very close to how I remembered it and the golf course is even more beautiful. There's a lot more grass and it's in much better

Lopez is also in good shape, physically and mentally, despite the disappointment of losing out in a titanic form in time for the women's British Open at Sunningdale

London Dungeons Buckingham Palace. Knight's presence is a par weeks ago, he was manager of the Cincinnati Reds base results led to his dismissal and he is reacquainting himself with his family. Ashley had the right idea when she heard dad had been sacked. "Let's get a bottle of champagne and celebrate," she said, looking forward to havmore time with her

Knight and Lopez married in 1982 and, although she never quite swept the board as she had done in her first

She was No I again in 1985,

when many people thought

that domesticity might have blunted her competitive edge and Knight, a fierce compet itor himself and a good wife should exploit her talent to the full. She became a ember of the Hall of Fame in 1987 and the victories did. not dry up until 1994, the first of three consecutive years

without one. In January 1996, Lopez who had gone through the inevitable crises of conscience concerning her children and her career, came close to giving up. She had battled her weight through-out her life and her clothes did not fit and her golf was

not up to standard. - maybe it's my time to win two years (winning 17 tourns - "I wasn't happy," she ery honour available). Mrs. .ily. It wasn't my husband. It said, summing up the world Knight proved no pushover. was just me. It's embarrasse view. "She name translated was just me. It's emborrass- view. "She never panicked

as I've always been, playing that kind of golf and being away from my family, I felt like I was wasting my time. I love being inside the ropes and competing and I wasn't able to do that."

Now, however, she can. She hired a personal trainer ciously, spilt sweat and tears on a Churchillian scale. It was worth it; she won again, in April this year.

She can win this week, too, even though she is without her secret weapon from the Sevenies, Pete Coleman, who is otherwise engaged at Winged Foot with Bernhard Langer Coleman was nicknamed the kissing caddle because he received a kiss every time his player record-ed a birdie — which she did often thanks to a putting touch made in heaven - and

he remembers it well. ing being humiliated by your and she was always smiling." golf game and, as competitive Some things never change.

their three daughters, enjoy-RUGBY UNION

- she has been second four

times in 21 attempts - but she

relished the contest and paid

tribute to Nicholas's res-

"Alison played so well and it was fun," Lopez said, "I

didn't feel nervous, just excit-

ed and pretty charged up.

Everybody's been very com-

plimentary — they've stopped

me in the street and said they

cried with me - and I'm

really looking forward to the US Open next year."

In the meantime, she has

this week to look forward to

special treat to be here with

Ray Knight, her husband,

and Ashley and Erinn, two of

Townsend turns down Bath

GREGOR TOWNSEND yesterday ruled Bath out of the set of clubs seeking his services for the new season which begins next weekend, while Northampton, his present employers, remain optimistic that he may be staying at Franklins Gardens (David

Hands writes). Townsend, the Scotland and British Isles stand-off half, had received an offer from Cardiff reputed to be £500,000 over three years but has two years to run on his contract with Northampton and, yes-terday, Gareth Davies, the Cardiff chief executive, said: looks as though he is staying

at Northampton." Ian McGeechan, Northampton's director of rugby, said after talking to Townsend: "You want to be fair to the player and his development: as a club, you want to perform well collectively. I probably understand his predicament better than anyone and I certainly don't want to lose a player of his

Ironically, Townsend nor Paul Grayson, whose presence at stand-off is

"It's not exactly dead in the part of the reason for the Scor's water but, at this stage, it unhappiness, will be lit to start the new season after the injuries which curtailed their tour of South Africa with the Lions. Grayson's groin injury may require another month to mend, while the thigh injury which prevented Townsend's appearance in the third international against South Africa

> Northampton) interested in signing Scott Gibbs, the Lions centre, may be deterred by the £1 million price tag attached to

him by Swansea.

last month needs some further

Jubilant Blackwell the pride of Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE, which be- Haines - defeated the defendcame affiliated to the English Women's Bowling Association in 1988 and has only 11 clubs, is one of the newest and smallest of the flat-green bowling counties but, yesterday, after an epic journey to the final, one of its teams won the national fours title (David Rhys Jones

writes).
Subjected to the ordeal of spending more than ten hours on the green on Monday, a Blackwell quartet - Maureen: Barker, Jean Baker, Jean Blacky Thompson and Glennis front.

ing champions, Burnham, in the second round:

in the final, Blackwell, who were runners-up two years ago, failed to stamp their authority but still led Jean Mencely, Joyce Atyeo, Freda Linberry and Wendy Davis, of Worthing Field Place, throughout to win 17-15.

"It was a tricky rink,"
Haines said, after blocking her opposite number's path to the jack on the last end, when Blackwell were three shots in

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Pessoa gets Derby bonus

EQUESTRIANISM

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

NELSON PESSOA, of Brazil, who became the oldest winner of the Hickstead Jumping Derby when he won last year's event on Loro Piana Vivaldi at easier task on his hands when he attempts to repeat that feat on Sunday. The competition, sponsored this year by Os-borne Refrigerators and Peugeot, is the centrepiece of the four-day meeting, which begins today.

None of the top five British

riders are competing. While the Derby first prize has dropped from £40,000 to £24,000 — after the loss of the former sponsors. Silk Cut the Valkenswaard Show in Holland is luring top riders with the offer of a £470,000 bonus. Four of the five riders championships later this month — John and Michael Whitaker, former winners of the Derby, Di Lampard and Robert Smith — will compete in Holland rather than at

Hickstead. "It's very sad because the Derby is my favourite event. but you can't ignore that sort of money." John Whitaker said. Having won the Anchen Grand Prix in June, one of the three events in the Pulsar

Triple Crown series, Whitaker succeeds in the Valkenswaard Grand Prix on Sunday, the third event in the series. Nick Skelton, a triple Derby winner, is not competing at Hickstead because he does not

have a suitable horse. Despite the absence of these five, Douglas Bunn, the owner of Hickstead, was in positive mood yesterday. "There are bound to be clashes with other events in Europe but we've never had a bad Derby — and I guarantee this will be a

vintage one," he said. Pessoa ensured that quality last year with his emotional



win, nine months after suffering the heart attack that he thought had ended his career and 31 years after his first success in the event. With his horse, Loro Piana Vivaldi, 20, reported to be on "even better" form this year, he is the rider the others have to beat.

Britain's best chance of success lies with William Funnell and his Derby specialist, Comex, who were joint fourth in 1994 and fourth in the

Eindhoven Derby last year.
The Irish are pinning their hopes on John Ledingham and Kilbaha, the winner of the event in 1994 and 1995.
Kilbaha, the only horse to have jumped two double clear than the grantiable. rounds over the formidable course, underlined his form when finishing runner up to Robert Smith in the Dublin

Grand Prix last Sunday.
Whatever the strength of the field, the course for Sunday's event remains the same as when Bunn first held the competition in 1961. Such are the demands of the 16 fences including the Devil's Dyke and the Bank with its 10ft 6in drop - that there have been only 38 clear rounds in its 36year history. Last year, there were none. Pessoa won on four CYCLING

Obree back for Britain

BY PETER BRYAN

GRAEME OBREE is a sur- speed is there." Obree said prise selection today in Britain's track cycling team for the world championships in Perth, Australia, later this month.Obree has been added to the 4,000 metres team pursuit squad and his selec-tion gives Britain an extra

medal chance. The Scot, winner of the world pursuit title in 1993 and 1995 was, at best, resigned until a fortnight ago to thinking longer-term: preparing for the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur next year. Obree had announced a temporary retirement earlier this year because of the absence of a National Lottery grant and the more pressing need to nurture a new bicycle accessories business that he had

started. However, while he may be short of money, Obree has proved his fitness in recent trials. Marshall Thomas, the national track coach, has named him for the 4,000. metres team pursuit, where he Cup quartet of Rob Hayles, Bryan Steel, Jon Clay and

Matthew Illingworth.
"I couldn't believe my form as I haven't done any serious

vide an insurance for Britain yesterday. "And, in recent trials, I feel that I have meshed rounds should tactics or injury require a team shuffle. Howwell with the others." Obree will not be using his home-made "Old Faithful" ever, there is no suggestion yet that he will be called on to ride bike because of its unsuitabilithe individual pursuit; that slot is reserved for Hayles, the ty for the techniques of team

a conventional frame, as he has done in the final trials at Manchester this week. Steel described Obree as "the best man for the job" and road time trial championship Illingworth said that he considered him "a class rider and worth his place, and the only man currently fast enough to which Chris Boardman must be a certainty." Obree said. "But there will be one other place—and I'll be chasing it.

Obree's inclusion will pro-

pursuits. Instead, he will ride

Every new journey begins with the first step. Of the three women selected for the world championships, to be held from August 27 to-31, Yvonne McGregor is the best British medal hope, hav-ing recently besten Antonella Bellutti, of Italy, the Olympic champion, in a round of the World Cup series.

national champion.
The Scot would not enlarge

on his hopes for a sponsor yesterday, but confirmed that he would enter the British

next month. "I think that will

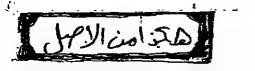
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Brighton face an uphill task with no fixed abode

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

MOST Nationwide League third division clubs would be pleased to cap an unbeaten matches by drawing with an FA Carling Premiership team
— all the more so if; like Brighton and Hove Albion. they only escaped relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference on the final day of last season. However. Brighton's game

with Crystal Palace 12 days ago at Gillingham's Priestfield ago at Gillingham's Priestfield The Gillingham ground-Stadium, which the club will sharing arrangement, institutbe sharing for at least the early stages of this season, was a Whereas 4,000 turned up at

the Seagulis' former home, the now-demolished Goldstone Ground, last time the traditional rivals met in a friendly, fewer than 200 made the 70mile trip from South Coast to

bearing in mind that Brighton's survival last term depended almost entirely on their form in front of large, vociferous home crowds.

"I half-expected it," Steve

thew Upson, of Arsenal, have

been suspended for three

matches after the Football

Association received official

notification of their dismissals

against PSV Eindhoven in a

pre-season match in Holland

The bans start on August 25,

which means that they will

miss Arsenal's north London

derby game with Tottenham

Hotspur five days later and

two other matches. But Vieira.

could still escape the suspen-

forward video evidence to-

match believing that Vicira

was unjustly treated, and

Steve Doubles, an FA spokes-man, said: "We have

forwarded it to the Dutch FA,

who can now show it to the

referee and ask him if he

thought he made a mistake in

sending off Vieira. If he says

he was wrong, Vieira's ban will be lifted. But at present

both suspensions are in

Arsenal decided not to ap-

peal in the case of Upson, the 18-year-old England Youth

player, even though the club

their Dutch counterparts. Arsenal produced film of the

on July 30.

was only a friendly. I hope that, if we get off to a reasonable start, people will come and support the team; but the fans have made it clear that they don't want to go to

Further proof was forthcoming last night, when Brighton hosted Leyton Orient at the Priestfield Stadium in the first leg of their Coca-Cola Cup first-round tie.

ed on Brighton's behalf by Bill Archer, the chairman, and David Bellotti, the chief executive, who sold the Goldstone Ground to pay off debts estimated at £6 million, has met with scorn from most supporters. Already, the Brighton Independent Supporters Association has called for a boycott of matches there,

"Attendances may top 1,000 if the team do well," lan Hart, co-editor of the fanzine Gull's Eye, said, "It's getting. there; it's the cost. Who's going

to take a child to Gillingham to see their first game? Mill-Arsenal pair given

pression that the referee had

punished the wrong player by

Both dismissals came in the

dying moments of a match

that Arsenal lost 1-0, and the

suspensions are further bad

news on top of the £50,000 suspended fine which the FA.

imposed on Arsenal last

Friday over their poor disci-

Even worse, Tony Adams, the captain, who missed the

first two matches of the season

because of a suspension for his

dismissal against Derby

County in last season's final

injury setback. His plan to

play for the reserves yesterday against Charlton Athletic at

Highbury had to be scrapped

when he felt more discomfort

from the rib he damaged

playing against Sittingbourne,

the non-League club, in a pre-

-the latest of manager Arsene

Wenger's foreign signings — Liberian striker Christopher

Wreh - scored on his debut

against Charlton before Mich-

ael Black's goal secured a 2-1

It was little consolation that

season game last week.

inatch, has suffered another

plinary record last season.

three-match bans

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

PATRICK VIEIRA and Mat- was originally under the im-

One consequence is that Bellotti, whose attendance at demonstrations last season. will remain a presence in the

ley even more different."
Millwall's New Den and

Crawley Town's Broadfield Stadium (in Sussex - just -

but beset by planning prob-

lens) have been proposed as alternative "home" grounds by a consortium which hopes shortly to finalise a Football Association-backed takeover

It will be submitting an

application to transfer to

Millwall at the Football League board meeting on

August 28. Plans are also in

hand for a new permanent

The takeover itself remains

subject to apparently intermi-

nable delays. First announced on April 22, after a series of

prolonged meetings at the

Centre for Dispute Resolution.

it has yet to be completed, and

Archer's annual holiday has

caused a further two-week

the consortium leader and

club chairman-elect, played

down concerns. "Some issues

arose late and it's vital that we

get these right," he said. "We haven't come this far in the

legal process to fall at the final

Nevertheless, Dick Knight,

home in Brighton.

"I know it's frustrating for the fans to start the new season this way, but the incoming directors are unanimous that Mr Bellotti will not be leaving the club," Knight said. "Understanding is required on all sides until we can complete this process."

Gritt has been unable to strengthen the team, despite promises from Knight that he would have "£2 million to spend on players". With the old regime still technically in charge, those funds have not

"It would have been nice to bring in one or two new faces, wasn't able to," Gritt said. "I've been given a budget, and that went on resigning existing players."

Brighton, 12 points adrift at the foot of the table when Gritt took over last December, wiped out the deficit without managing a single away win.
"We didn't get the results

away that we deserved last season, and I've always maintained that, if we get one away win, we'll go on from there. We've got virtually 46 away games," Gritt said. "It's going to be difficult, but we've got to be positive and look towards this season now."



Whyte trains children in Sheffield. Bullying is banned in an attempt to bring the best out of the boys. Photograph: Trevor Smith

Whyte takes the fear out of football

f there is anything high-er in your life than . football, then go away from here; I don't want you, Channel 4 viewers heard Graham Rix, the former England youth team coach and now Chelsea's first-team coach, tell boys on a Youth Training Scheme in Football Dreams, a fiv-on-the-wall documentary last month.

Rix's dressing-room humiliation came after the youths had suffered a 5-1 defeat by a more mature Spanish side. Some 200 miles north from Chelsea, Eddie Whyte, the Scotland coech, spends his Saturday mornings at Shef-University's training ground with a hundred children of school age, using a football philosophy light years away in content and style from that of the professional game,

as aired by Rix. As Whyte explains: "The No I objective for kids, especially the young ones between four and six, is enthusiasm and enjoyment so that they want to play football instead of going home and sitting in front of the computer."

Whyte steers children rather than dictates to them. At seven, each child is given a self-assessment sheet covering all areas of football, from shooting and dribbling to

Lawrie Madden talks to a man who believes many good, young prospects are being driven out of the game by ruthless coaches

passing and heading. Whyte observes each child and talks to them individually, and together with them works out a plan to improve their individuał skilis.

Each weekly session com-prises one and a half hours' training plus 30 minutes free play. White said: "We don't want young children under pressure. They are all young individuals who have separate needs and develop at different rates. We want them to learn by their mistakes and take away fear by removing winning and losing in their formative years."

in attempting to uncover and nurture the next crop of young talent. Whyte conscripts parental support. On enrolment, all parents are given a code of conduct sheet, which includes the encouragement of home practice. Insults and sarcastic comments, so evident in Football Dreams and on the sidelines of League matches, are forbidden, as is

shouting from the touchline. Whyte stresses the importance of encouragement rather than criticism, because poor attitude, rather than the lack of skill, is the main reason why so many YTS players fail to become professionals.

This emphasis on self-reliance and discipline from an early age would, according to Whyte, help with the dramatic transition from non-League schoolboy football to professional level.

At many professional clubs, off-the-field discipline comes in the form of boorroom duties. This utilitarian regime proved difficult for some of the Whyte said: "in Britain, the sudden discipline can be a shock for the lads if they have not been brought up with it."

Whyte's philosophy has developed from seven years' coaching in Europe at Borussia Mönchengladbach. Standard Liège and MVB Maastricht, a feeder club for PSV Eindhoven. Whyte believes that British

football is 20 years behind Holland and France but that there are glimmers of hope. "Glenn Hoddle is trying to place more emphasis on skill. rather than strength and size. and that is important for under-15 internationals where

development is more important than results," Whyte said. Cultural differences between Britain and Holland, however, have meant that

Whyte has had to adapt his scheme. He said: "There are not the same opportunities to play football here. In general in the schools there is no coaching between the ages of five and ten. Children often have a problem of interacting because we've lost street games. It takes a couple of sessions for them to settle

Whyte believes lack of facilities is a significant problem and that investment in this area must be a priority. He said: "You drive around France and every small town has marvellous sporting facilties with a back-up of trained sports scientists to concentrate on the mental as well as the physical aspects of

"In Holland, the children are taught discipline from an early age. From the ages of nine to 12, they stand and listen to the coach and do what they are told. This is carried on through schools of excellence

The Football Association has taken on board many hard towards greater involve ment of football clubs with young children. Whyte believes that this system works well on the continent but. unless there is a radical reeducation among coaches at professional clubs, it will be counter-productive.

Whyte said: "Young players are under too much pressure at professional clubs. They are pushed too hard and are not developing. They lose confidence. You can see what is going on through the children's minds at these clubs. This is their big chance and just one in 20 may be taken on while the demoralised."

The demoralised feeling is something that Whyte himself had to deal with as a youngster. A premature football career was brought to an end at the age of 14, when he suffered badly injured cartilages to both knees. Like most boys, he only ever wanted to be a professional footballer.

He had to endure this dramatic experience while he saw his best friends join top

Redfearn makes his mark at 32

NEIL REDFEARN, the Barnsley midfield player, is what is known in the trade as a "journeyman". He began his career as an apprentice with Nottingham Forest and has since played for Bolton Wanderers. Lincoln City, Doncaster Rovers, Crystal Palace, Watford and Oldham Athletic.

Now, Redfearn, 32, finds himself playing at the highest level after 15 years as professional, and is making up for lost time. He scored Barnsley's goal in the 2-1 home. defeat against West Ham United on Saturday - his club's FA Carling Premiership debut - and again proved his accuracy in the 1-0 victory against Crystal Palace - promoted with Barnsley from the Nationwide League first division at Selhurst Park on Tuesday

Neil has never played in the Premiership and I haven't got a clue why." Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, said. I really can't understand why no one has picked him up before. He's got a fantastic strike-rate from midfield, can shoot with either foot and is never scared to miss." Rediearn's goal against Pal-

league appearances in the late Eighties, arrived in the 56th minute, a left-footed drive from 30 yards that swirled past Kevin Miller, the Palace

"It would have graced any game," Wilson said, "but he's done it so often before, it didn't really surprise me. He scored 19 times last season." Palace's delight at beating

Everton 2-1 at Goodison Park on Saturday was short-lived, although they did enough to have at least gained a draw.

In an entertaining match, Attilio Lombardo, the former Juventus striker, missed one of Palace's best chances when he narrowly failed to connect with Dean Gordon's cross. In the Coca-Cola Cup first round, Manchester City

slipped to an ignominious I-0 first-leg defeat against Blackpool, the second division side, at Bloomfield Road. Andy Preece, the former Palace forward, broke the deadlock with a goal in the 73rd minute, presenting City with an awkward task in the return at Maine Road.

Queens Park Rangers, having invested heavily during the close-season, face an even stiffer test against Wolver-

hampton Wanderers after losing 2-0 at Loftus Road. Steve Froggatt opened the scoring in the thirteenth minute with a long-range shot that Lee Harper, the QPR goalkeeper, failed to hold, and Mixu Paatelainen, Wolves' new

£200,000 signing from Bolton, added the second near the end. York City again demon-strated their liking of the competition, in which they have beaten Manchester United and Everton in recent years, when they defeated Port

Vale, the first division side, 2-1 at Vale Park. Although they trailed 1-0 to a goal from Lee

Mills, Gary Bull and Steve Bushell completed their recovery, Bushell scoring in the last

Stockport County, Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists last season, appear unlikely to scale such heights this time around. They were beaten 4-2 by Mansfield Town, the third division side, at Field Mill. with lyseden Christie registering a hat-trick in a four minute

spell either side of half-time. Cambridge United, also from the third division, gave West Bromwich Albion an uncomfortable 90 minutes at the Abbey Stadium. Paul Peschisolido, the Canada striker, gave West Bromwich an early lead but Cambridge equalised through Michael Kyd 12 minutes into the second half and would have taken a lead to The Hawthorns for the second leg had they displayed better finishing.

Portsmouth were held 2-2 by Peterborough United in an often-heated encounter at London Road. Scott Houghton, of Peterborough, and David Waterman were sent off in the eightleth minute after a bout of fisticults, shortly before Martin Carruthers cancelled out Portsmouth's 2-1

FA charges Sinclair over shorts incident

ON SATURDAY, Frank Sinclair, the Chelsea defender, was so elated at scoring only his third goal in almost two years that he dropped his shorts in celebration at Highfield Road. Yesterday. the Football Association showed their lack of appreciation of the gesture by charging him with misconduct

(Russell Kempson writes). Sinclair's cheek came after he had given Chelsea a 1-0 lead against Coventry City on the opening day of the FA Carling Premiership season. Paul Durkin, the referee, handed out only a stern lecture. "I don't know why I did it," Sinclair said. "I was so excited, it was the first thing

that came to me." Roud Gullit, his manager, said: "I hope Frank doesn't do to request a personal hearing

but is likely to escape with no more than a fine. Northern Ireland will play their group nine World Cup qualifying match against Albania on September 10 at a neutral venue. "Security in Albania has not sufficiently been restored," a spokesman for Fifa, the sport's world

yesterday.

The second stage of the 1996-97 Albanian league season was suspended in February after armed unrest in the country. It resumed only two weeks ago, as a six-team

play-off. Albania played their last two home World Cup fixtures - against Ukraine in March and Germany in April - in Granada, southern Spain. Fifa ruled that it was not safe it again." Sinclair has 14 days to play in Tirana, the Albani-

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

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Celtic can thank Stubbs and Gould

HEINZ PEISCHL, the lansbruck Tirol coach, said yesterday that the only thing which surprised him about Celtic's performance in their Uefa Cup second qualifying round first leg on Tuesday night was just how ordinary they were.

Peischl's side raced to a 2-0 lead within the first half-hour after Christian Mayrieb twice found space behind the Celtic backline and scored each time, But Alan Stubbs's late free kick gave Celtic fresh heart for the return leg at Parkhead

capable of playing. Their attitude seemed wrong at the beginning. They did not put us under anything like the pressure I expected them to and, but for a deflected goal our keeper could do nothing about, did not look like scoring.

"I watched them lose to Hibernian at Easter Road and they were the same tactically there as they were against us they had no new ideas to surprise me. We would have liked a third goal as 2-1 is a very different prospect to 2-0, but we can

still win in Glasgow." Peischl said: "It was clear to me that last night was far from the best Celtic are Celtic goalkeeper Jonathan Gould de-Peischl might have got his wish but

nied him with a fine save from Roland Kirchler's drive after sixty minutes. Celtic head coach Wim Jansen said: Jonathan made an important save at 2-0

which kept us in with a chance of

recovery. The decision about whether to

play him or Scott Marshall was not easy, but he played well in the last two games and the selection worked well for us." Gould said: "If it had have gone to 30 we know it would have been tough to turn around at Parkhead. Now we know that, if we can score an early goal, then

we have a real chance of making it

Elvis fans by the thousand rock into town and get ready to go, man, go

This begins on Friday night

outside the Presley mansion.

The vigil is certain to draw

massive crowds this year and,

all through the night and into

Saturday morning, thousands will file silently up the

Graceland driveway to

Presley's graveside in the

Meditation Garden. On Sun-

day morning, the roads around Graceland will be

closed to all traffic for the race.

August is certain to be fierce

and competitors may have to

contend with some unusual

difficulties. Apart from the fluid loss that comes from

trying to run in a full Elvis

outfit, there is also quite a

problem with fake sideburns

peeling off when the going gets

Sunglasses, too, are unusu-

al. Forget the expensive go-faster wraparound shades that

were all the rage at the world

athletics championships in

Athens. On the starting line in

Graceland, you need 70s-style

aviator sunglasses — "as worn

well as water and sports drinks, the runners will be

urged on by the sound of Elvis

singing. As the lookalikes

staggered to the first water

stop last year, they were

greeted by the strains of Don't

The race comes right at the

At the feeding stations, as

by the King".

Be Cruel.

The heat in Memphis in

where he is buried.

ing something a bit special this weekend. The smartest will be sporting white jump suits emblazoned with gold embroidery, heavy rings on their fingers, bushy black stick-on sideburns, and perhaps even blue suede training shoes. For this Sunday sees the running of the annual Elvis Presley International five-kilometre road race.

Saturday is the twentieth anniversary of the death of Elvis and more than 100.000 mourners, musicians and impersonators are making a pilgrimage to Memphis, Tennessee, to pay homage to "the King" Among them will be four or five thousand runners - some of them highly-trained athletes, others fun-seeking joggers — who will line up in front of Presley's mansion, Graceland, to race around the roads where he lived.

The most eye-catching of ing of Elvis lookalikes. Jeannie Townsend, the race organiser. said: "In our 5K, we traditionally get a number of runners who are dressed like Elvis. This year, with the twentieth anniversary, we're sure to get a whole lot more. It il be quite a sight. If you run dressed like Elvis, you're sure to get a great reception from the crowd."

The entries for this annual run are up as never before and there should be more than 5,000 starters. For their entry fee (\$12 in advance, \$15 on race day), the entrants get an elaborate six-colour Elvis T-



item." Townsend said. "It has a picture of Elvis as a young man, with his Cadillac, his guitar, his motorbike and his airplane, all spinning on a gold record." For an extra \$20, the runners can also pick up a limited-edition

The event is a great charity money-raiser. Last year, it raised more than \$40,000 for

There is quite a problem with fake sideburns peeling off

United Cerebral Palsy and, over the years, the race has drummed up more than \$600,000 for cerebral paisy

This year, for the first and only time in our 15 years, we're holding our race on a Sunday," Townsend said. The customary start is at 8am on the Saturday but, because the actual anniversary of Presley's death falls on Saturday, the

end of Elvis Presley Week, and these days no city celebration is complete without its mass fun run. Events like the London Marathon have done a great job at harmonising competitive sport with entertainment and mass participation. Like rock n'roll, road running has its highly-paid stars, but anyone can join in and have a go.

in the Flora London Marathon last year, for instance, there were rhinos running alongside Dennis the Menace. Big Ben, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Batman and girls in Wonderbras. Anyone who thinks these

runners do not earn their charity money the hard way should talk to Billy Wilson. He has completed five London marathons and recorded his fastest time while running as the back end of a pantomime horse, "By three miles," he



Hundreds of lookalikes are expected to take part

said, "I was dehydrated, exhausted and bleeding from where the straps of the costume were chafing me." But he and his son made it, performing an equine curtsey as a mark of respect to the Queen when they passed Bucking-ham Palace.

There have been thousands of reported sightings of Elvis over the past 20 years, by people who refuse to believe he is dead. On Sunday you will have a hard time convincing some that Elvis is not alive and well and out there pounding around the road race.

United States gained 16 points

evidence that Elvis ever took much exercise off stage. He is said to have liked the odd game of racketball and, in Kid Galahad, made in 1962, he played the part of a novice boxer who fights and sings his way to the top.

Film critics said that Elvis "surprisingly looked paunchy" when stripped for his role as a boxer. So, if Elvis is out there on Sunday, don't look for a skinny guy in shorts and vest. He will be in a jump suit, moving with rhythm, and running like a king.

what a wonderful relief to

have finally won this thing

after 28 years," he said. "Every

when you win it, you can

fifth overall, the equivalent of

two Fastnet places behind Australia and just two points

ahead of New Zealand, whose

collapse from second overall

going into the last race set the

scene for an American win.

But Britain can take heart

from a respectable perfor-

mance after finishing in last

The best feature this time

was the effort by John Merricks, Ian Walker and

their crew on board Tim Barrett's Mumm 36,

Bradamante. Belying their

limited experience in keel boats and offshore racing,

Merricks and Walker, ably

assisted by David Howlett, James Stagg and others, domi-

nated their class in the Fastnet

to finish as the top 36-footer Flash Gordon beat her to the top spot in the regatta.
While their big boat, Corum

Indulgence, did well for much

Law, the ILC 40, Easy Oars. helmed by Andy Beadsworth, was the weak link, failing to

match the speed of the newer

boats in her class. After finish-

ing third in the class in the Fastnet, however, her owner, Tony Buckingham, got off the

disheartened and keen to have another go in 1999. "I love it

with a passion," Buckingham said. "We've got to win the

place two years ago.

The Britain team finished

event has its highs and lows -

breathe a sigh of relief."

JOHN BRYANT

Structural evolution explored

How Buildings Learn. Shearing Layers

Stewart Brand rounds off a stimulating series by considering not so much how buildings learn (a silly title) but how they change. It may be obvious that a structure which has been there for hundreds that a structure which has been there for hundreds of years is not the same now as when it first went up. But, as he has done throughout the series, Brand can put fascinating flesh on the commonplace. He cales St Albans Abbey as a building that has had additions and changes in every century since it was started in 1077 and managed to make them all work. Its diversity of styles and materials represent riches not confusion. Brand is also good on the Liberty store in London, which has done its share of evolving since it went up in 1875. He also goes further afield, since it went up in 1875. He also goes further afield, to Venice and San Francisco, in support of his aphorism that "the main architect is time".

Indian Summer: The Campure Massacre Channel 4, 9.00pm

A skilful piece of reconstruction evokes one of the darker episodes in the history of British India. Western history books call it the Indian Mutiny. Some Indians regard it as the first war of liberation. Either way the atrocities on both sides were appalling. The cause of the massacres was seemingly trivial, the introduction by the British writtens of our cartridoes said to be breased with seemingly trivial, the immunication by making military of gun cartridges said to be greased with animal fat. This was an insult to both Muslims and at Indian troops rebelled and at Hindus. The Indian troops rebelled and at Cawnpore 1,000 British men, women and children were slaughtered. Many more indian lives were taken in revenge. Since all this happened in 1857, there are no survivors to interview nor film to extract from the archives. This has not deterred the director, David Harrison. Diaries and letters help to build up a vivid and detailed account.

Barnardo's Children: In Search of Love BBC1, 9,30pm

The second programme of the week about Barnardo's is a reminder that although the organisation no longer runs children's homes, it still follows its original brief of caring for children in desperate circumstances. Where once Barnardo's took children into care, it now tries to



keep families together. The caseload is no less taxing. One of its projects deals with child prostitutes, whom it prefers to see as exploited children. It also tries to rebuild the lives of victims of sex abuse and to help families where children have had to assume parental responsibilities. We also have a glimpse of the older generation of Barnardo's children. Mabel Johnson, who appeared in a previous series, sets out for Australia for a reunion with the twin sister from whom she was parted more than 60 years ago.

For the Love Of ...

peare's Opera

Radio 3. I DOom

Channel 4, 12.25am

Jon Ronson returns in host more late-night discussions which give the independently minded the chance to get on their hobby borses. Those who watched the previous series may recall a session in which the participants argued that the 1969 Moon, landing was faked. Nothing so startling is suggested by tonight's six guests, though they air their views no less cogenity. Their common passion is trees. Not surprisingly they find admiration for protesters who have put saving trees before building new roads. They lament the destruction of so many of Britain's orchards, as many as 90 percent according to one contributor. Trees are also cent according to one contributor. Trees are also invoked for their mystical properties. It is left to a man from the Forestry Commission to point out. that it is often necessary to cut down some trees to

Peter Conrad's four-part series leasures examples of the Bard set to music. Part one concentrates on Romao and Juliet, though it is Taming of the Shraw that gives him a golden opportunity to pinpoint the moment "when romantic veneration of Shakespeare gave way to modern desecration" [Conrad's words]. It happens when the two rogues in Cole Porter's Kiss Me Kate offer streetwise advice on how to word a words." If she says wour

advice on how to woo a woman: "If she says your behaviour is heinous/kick her right up the Coriolamus". Less bawdily, but just as redolent of the 20th century, is Bernstein's West Side Story in which (again quoting Conrad) the tragin lave affair in Verona is subordinated to an up-to-date social

WORLD SERVICE

All times in 1897. News on the hour 6.20mM Newsday 6.30 Europa Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Medician Books 8.15 Off the Shall 8.30 Composer of the Morth 9:19 Pause for Thought 8.15 Crossing the Boarder 19.95 Bosiness 10.15 Chemplone 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Discover 12.30 pm The Learning World 12.45 F G O.S 1.65 Business 1.15 British Today 1.36 Record Name 1.46 Sport 2.80 Newshour 2.05 Custook 3.30 Medicack 4.95 Sport 4.15 Crossing the Boarder 4.30 News in Gergem 5.96 Europe Today 5.50 Business 5.45 British Today 6.15 World Today 8.35 Pause for Thought 8.30 John Pee 1.05 Newsphour 10.05 Business 16.15 Grain 10.05 Newsday 16.15 Today 10.05 Business 16.15 Grain 10.05 Newsday 16.15 Today 11.45 Sport 12.05em Outdook 12.36 The Vintage Chart Showt 1.45 British Today 2.30 The Works 1.36 Folias on Feith 1.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

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RADIO CHOICE

Thursday Afternoon Play: Do the Needful Radio 4. 2.00pm

In Mahesh Dattani's play, set in Bombay and then Bangalore, two sets of parents make elaborate-arrangements for a love match between their respective offspring, leading to matrimony. What Burns said about best-laid schemes proves to be as true about Indian society in the late 20th century as it undoubtedly was in Scotland of the 18th. Perhaps it is even more true because in *Do the Needful* there is an added complication that Burns never had to worry about — homosexuality. Not that the sexual orientation of the reluctant Romeo, played by Paul Bhattacharjee, is the key issue. This is a play that is more concerned with the bridging of social divides. Indira Varma plays the reluctant bullet.

RADIO 1

7.00mm Mark Reddille's Breaking Snow 9.00 Mark Goodler 11.30 Redio 1 Rosdishow. Live from Exmouth, 72.20pm. Newsbest 12.45 Jo Whiley 3.00 Kevin Granding 6.15 Newsbest 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacy 9.30 Global Update 8.40 John Peel 10.36 Mary Ann Hobbs 1.00

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S.00 David Gower's Cricket Wesky. Includes a review of the
IRth Test 9.00 Inside Edge 10.00 Live at the Fringe 10.30 News.

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6.00mm Om Air, Includes Chopin (Scherzo No 4 in E. Op 54); Strauss (Pretude: Capricolo); Stravinsty (The Faun and the Shepherdess)

8.00 Morning Cellection, Handel (Suite No 5 in E. HW430); Dowland (Awake, Sweet Love; Corne, Heavy Sleepe); Mozart (Serenede in C. K004)

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12.00 Proms Compessor of the Weel: Barlok, 1.00pm News; Shaftespessor's Opera. See Cholos 2.00 BBC Proms 97. Luba Orgonssova, soprano, Bernarda Fink, mezzo, Gordon Gletz, tenor, Bryn Terfel, bass-baritone, Monteverdi Choir, Orchestre

Bemarda Fink, mezzo, Gordon Gletz, tenor, Bryn Terfel, bess-baritone, Monteverdi Choir, Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique, under John Eliot Gardiner, Schlubert (Stabat Mater in G minor; Gesang der Geister über den Wassern); Psalm 23; Hymrus an den-Heitigen Geist; Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral) (f) 3.59 Mildhall Pfetynev. A pizerio recital. Scariatili (Sonates: in A minor, Kk3; in D, Kk29; in G minor, Kd5; in C sharp minor; Kk247; in A, Kk29; in G Debussy (Preludes (Book 1) (r)

5.15 in Tune, with Sean Rafferty, Includes Delius (Summer Night On the River).
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11.30 Proms composer of the Weste Brahms (r)
12.30am Jazz Nofas, with Campbel Burney, Includes the trombonists Carl Fontana, Bit Watrous, Albert Mangelsdorff and Ray Anderson
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10
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10.45 Book at Bedtime: Midmight's Children, by Samian Rushdie, Read by Roshan Seth (2/15).
11.00 The Larves of the Deed, by Nick Fisher. With imedia Staunton as the Investigating detective profile of Lousan May Alcott (r)
12.00 News includes 11.15mm approx Weither.
12.30am Late Book Blagast Elvis (2/10).

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It is unlikely. There is little

United States restored to head of the fleet

SAILING: BRITAIN FIFTH AS AMERICANS CLAIM FIRST ADMIRAL'S CUP WIN FOR 28 YEARS

BY EDWARD GORMAN

SAILING CORRESPONDENT IT HAD been a long time coming and, almost to the end of a dramatic day in Plymouth harbour, the outcome was in doubt, but the United States yesterday captured the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup. the unofficial world championship of offshore sailing, for the first time since 1969.

With only seven teams com- on Tuesday night, the decisive peting and a close points moment came in a desperately spread between the leading five going into the Fastnet Race, the situation was always going to be tight. With the weather playing its own un-predictable hand, the final stages saw four teams, Australia, Germany, Italy and the Americans, all grappling for

After a charge by Australia

Answers from page 41

(c) A Malayan dagger of Javanese origin with a long wavy blade. The Javanese word. News Chronicle, 1953: "In the first carriage is the Sultan of Kelantan. He carries a kris (a dagger) made from TRUNNION

(a) Each of a pair of opposite gudgeons on the sides of a cannon upon which it is pivoted in its carriage. Horatio Nelson, dispatch, 1794: "The Agamemnon's two 24-pounders are both ruined, one split up to the rings, and the other with the trunnion beautiful." knocked off so much that it is useless for shot."

(b) The polite form of Javanese, used by those of lower status when addressing social superiors. T. S. Raffles, History, 1827: "Nearly half of the words in the vernacular have their corresponding term in Besa-Kromo, without a knowledge of

(a) A proprietary name of various mixtures of polyacrylate salts and other carboxylated polymers manufactured as soil conditioners for improving the texture of the soil and its ability to resist erosion. Science News Letter, 1952: "The soil improvement chemical will come on the market soon under the name of

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calm conditions off the breakwater at the entrance to Plymouth harbour early yesterday. As is so often the case, the leaders watched the laggards of the fleet creep up - including the American boat MK Cafe, skippered by John Kolius, who had been in sixth place for much of the race. Kolius had the momentum WORD-WATCHING

in her class. While the Italians lost 16 points to finish third

close finish for the ILC 40 fleet. to take a hold on the title that which parked up in almost even a sixth place for their Mumm 36, Jameson, a few hours later could not shake. The United States, who became the first team since Great Britain in 1989 to go into a Fastnet leading and hold on from there, built victory on their big boat, Flash Gordon

and simply sailed round his rivals to finish second behind the Germans on Pinta. The finish was dispiriting for Italy, whose ILC 40, Brava Q8, had led her class for most of the race and looked to be the cornerstone of a back-to-back win in the championship. before being demoted to sixth

3, skippered by Ken Read and designed by Bruce Fart. She performed better than any other boat in the championship overall, finishing second behind the Italians in the

Don Genitempo, the United States team manager. was relieved after having spent the past two days worrying that the ghosts of two years ago. when the Americans blew their chance in the Fastnet, were returning to haunt him.





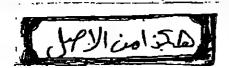
Genitempo holds aloft the cup as the Americans celebrate

Admiral's Cup. I'm stuck in and I've got the scars to prove Standings, page 38



GET LOST IN GREAT BRITTEN.

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Then some people get sacked from their job, or

been cheating on them, or they get

swizzled by someone, they become

so consumed with fury that they

react like fat in a fire and just start

exacting revenge than you could

have dreamt up on the spur of the

moment, when you were still blinded by rage maybe a method

such as hiring somebody to exact

your revenge for you. Maybe even somebody like the Get-Back Agen-

cy, which we saw last night on

(BBC1).

Inside Story's V. For Vengeance.

BBC1

11.00 News (1) Regional News and weather

11,50 Good Neighbours Fans recall their isvourite characters and moments from

12.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (4538733)

12.35 Neighbours Anne decides to steer well

1.30 Regional News and weather (88983424)

1,40 Columbo: Minks Me a Perfect Mayder

3.10 Quincy Crime drama, starring Jack Klugman and Tyne Daly (r) (1911358)

4.00 Popeya (2089511) 4.10 Barraman (2413085) 4.18 Morph TV (2228284) 4.36 Cartoon Critters (3292812)

5.10 Byker Grove Youth ckib drama, starting

7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money Venesa

7.30 EastEnders George makes a shady deal

8.00 Airport Anta Newcourt has to deal with a

8.30 Pilgrims Rest Comedy, starting Gary Olsen and Gwen Taylor (T) (8795) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (1) (7725).

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personal trapedy (2/2) (1) (874191)

10.20 The Mrs Merton Show (f) (T) (891694)

10.50 BBC Prome '97 BBC National Orchestra

11.45 The File of the Golden Goose (1969)

Starring Yul Brynner, Charles Gray and Edward Woodward, Espionege drams

(154220)

Johnson recalls how she was finally reunited with her sister, while more recent

generations who have grown up in Barmardo's care atill hope for a happy ending to their tales of abuse and

of Wales under Mark Wigglesworth

perform Beethoven's Pestoral Symphony

about an American agent and a Scotland Yard detective who join forces on an undercover operation to infiltrate and apprehend a countertetting gang. Directed by Sam Wanamaker (769086)

charter flight to Hong Kong. To make

matters worse, it involves BA chief executive Bob Ayling (1) (9288)

Jody Baldwin and Joanna Mointoah (r) (T)

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clear of love's troubled waters (1)

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11.05 Due South (1) (T) (8432004)

12.05pm Wipcout (r) (T) (8795337).

1.00 One O'Clock News (1) (26462)

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5.00 Newsround (1) (2698153)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (909191)

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spitting abuse at their employer or their two-timing lover. Getting 4.144. --- : your own back in such a childish. uncontrolled fashion is not the most sensible way to behave. and the second The most sensible way to behave 44 20 ,000 is to sit down calmly and count to ten. Counting to ten will give you the breathing space to think up a والمواجرة فالمعافق much more poisonous method of

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1.30 sun Weuther (2322383)

ma's house and play Paul McCariney songs very, very loudly. Their reperioire is actually

that the Get-Back Agency sends

musicians with large amplifiers to

stand outside your revenge-vic-

more varied. Take Candy and Costas Constanino. They wanted revenge on their local health club. which had just inconvenienced and humiliated them by revoking their membership. So, naturally, the Get-Back team sent Dawn, a 22-stone "Roly-Poly artiste", to visit the club as a potential member and cause havoc. Dawn tampered with the gym's dumbell weights, which looked like marbles in her plump fists. Then she jumped into the swimming pool, still fully clothed, to cool off. Dawn was ordered to leave. An agency sidekick secretly vidend the occasion as a souvenir for Candy and Costas before

organising a harmer-waving demo

outside the club to protest against

Best eaten cold, cooked by somebody else? It would be touching to imagine its fattist membership policies. The press, who can be manipulated a lot more easily than 22-stone Dawn, came to cover the story. Costas thought it money well spent. We never saw the bill.

> ut then along came consulb tant psychiatrist Dr Raj Persaud, chewing his nails and telling us that he was "worried that we're going to see more and more vengeful acts actually occurring". He was also sniffy about the "Crapogram", a plastic turd which is sent anonymously to someone on your behalf: a couple came up with the idea when they wanted to get their own back on somebody, but then thought there might be a wider market for such a brainwave. Dr Persaud said: "I don't think the world is fundamentally going to change because YOU'VE sent someone a rather trivial, nasty message, it may make you feel better in the short

REVIEW

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term, but what has it really gained you in the long term? Oh don't be so po-faced. Raj! A cold beer after work doesn't really gain you anything in the long term either, but what is so wrong with feeling better in the short term?

Inserting gloomy clips of DrPersaud's armchair psychiatry seemed a misguided attempt by the programme makers to provide an intellectual insurance policy to

between revenge-taking pranksters and people who hire contract killers, though Dr Persaud didn't seem to notice it. Even Kenny. whose business card reads "Retribution Guaranteed", knows the difference between right and wrong: "I draw the line at doing irreparable damage to anyone. would never kill anybody." See? What did I tell you, Raj?

The kind of things I gerasked to do," said Kenny, "run the range from superglueing someone's door up, put dog shit through their letterbox, blow up the car with the wife and kids in it, kill somebody else's wife and kids. It's a weird planet." So weird that maybe Candy and Costas's health club will hire Kenny to wreak ven-geance on the Get-Back Agency. Then we could cut to a long-faced Raj Persaud tut-tutting on the sofa: "That would be a dangerous form

a voyeuristically entertaining doc-umentary. There is a difference of revenge pyramid-selling, and might well end in tears."

n The Day That Changed My Life (BBC2). Mike Fanning never got a chance to get his own back on anybody when he was robbed of his glass importexport business, his marriage and his family, because the cause of his heartache was the trade embargo declared by the UN against Yugoslavia, as a result of the civil war there: all his capital was tied up with goods in Sarajevo. Four months later he was sleeping

rough in Edinburgh. You think: 'It's never gonna happen to me. I'm never gonna end up on the streets. I've got a good job. I've got a nice little business, a nice family, nice wife. I've got money coming in every week." Wrong!" But Fanning is a single-minded survivor: "I refuse to be beaten by any system." What is inspiring about Fanning's story

is not just his determination to rebuild his life - by the end of the film he has begun a haulage business — but his lack of self-pity or rancour at life's mockery.

Lucinda Lambton gave us a quick tour around the newly restored Foreign and Commonwealth Office in One Foot In The Past (BBC2), constantly squeaking with disbelief, as though being regularly goosed by an invisible ghost, as she recounted how the ornate Victorian decoration of this temple to Empire had been repeatedly vandalised; in the 1920s the interior was scrubbed with pumice because the colours and gilding were deemed vulgar, and in the 1960s everything was hidden behind false ceilings and partition walls. How can we rely on the inhabitants to defend Britain's interests around the world, when they can't even be trusted to look after a few painted ceilings and

6,00am O U: Watering the Desert (1367646) 6.50 Energy at the Crossroads (9263646) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (9013627)

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11.15 Yarkee Doodle Dendy (1942) Oscar-winning musical with James Cagney, Joen Leslie and Walter Huston, Directed by Michael Curtiz (1) (180153)

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8.00 The Bill: Tommy the Hero DC Rawton taces a dilemma (T) (4356) 8.30 Undercover Customs: Operation

Klandike A drug-runner smuggling a lucrative shipment into the Scottish Highlands gives Customs a logistical headache (1) (6191)



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9.06 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Simisols (2/3) Wextord is at a garden party when he is called to investigate a second deed body (r) (T) (9917)

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Fonds and Claudette Colbert star in this
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7.00 Channel 4 News (T) includes headlines and weather at 7.30 (771462) 7.50 Girls, Girls, Girls Young women in the

1990s (391646) 8.00 Time Team Instant archaeology. Tony Robinson and Mick Aston are in Teignmouth looking for the remains of a

ship wrecked 400 years ago (r) (T) (7795) 9.00 The Campore Massacre More than 140 years ago. 1,000 British men, women and children

were murdered by previously loyal Indian -troops in northem India (T) (7559) 10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? Improvised



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10.35 True Love (1989) starring Annabella Scions and Ron Eldard. A drame about a young couple from the Bronx having second thoughts on the eve of their

12.25 For the Love Of... Trees Six people who love trees discuss their lescination (1/6) (2592554) 1.30am The Valour and the Horror (r) (1) A documentary on the bloody confrontation in Hong Kong in 1941 between the Candlans and the Japanese (830912)

3.25 The Wonderful, Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl (r) (T) (2087202)

4.55 History in Action (r) (70382863) 5.20 Film and Video Showcase (3768028)

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6.00 Move on Up Fast-moving game show (T)

8.30 Femily Affairs Chris and Nicky apply for the ame job (T) (5007356) 7.00 Exclusive Showbiz magazine presented by Julia Bradbury (3905171)



The damselfly renews itself (7.30pm)

7.30 Small Miracles: Flying Fossil Documentary about how the damselfly unchanged in appearance since prehistoric times, repeats its life cycle (T) (5096240)

8.00 The Car Show Motoring magazine introduced by Mariella Frostrup and Tristram Payne (3105379)

8.30 6 News (T) (8955676) 9.00 Obsessed (1992) with Shannen Doherty.

William Devane and Claire Carey
Psychological thriller about a young women's obsessive love for a much older man. Directed by Jonathan Senger (T) /948805631

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12.35 am Live and Dangerous Including soccer action from the Brazilian National League and the US Major League (70345888) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco With Karl

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Scottish champions lose way

Rangers fall to Swedish triple strike

Rangers ..

By Kevin McCarra

RANGERS have expended much energy and finance in planning for the future, but a ligure who virtually belongs to the recent past in continental football has put in jeopardy all their hopes of proceeding in

the European Cup. Srefan Pettersson, 34, is celebrated for his time with Ajax, but there may be a few more hymns of praise to him still to be written. He not only scored the opening goal, but also changed the whole character of this second qualifying round, first-leg match.

At that point, in the 56th minute, Rangers might have been excused if they were beginning to savour their own superiority, but one swing of Pettersson's boot shattered it.

Perhaps the Scottish champions were a little listless around their own penalty area after a free kick, but no particular danger was apparent as Robert Andersson rolled the ball square. From 25 yards, though. Pettersson thrashed a drive that flew past Goram at waist height.

The damage was all the more serious for its unexpectedness. Rangers were bemused to be behind and could

Three minutes later, Karlsson shot from 16 yards and, although Goram parried, he could not prevent the ball from looping towards his net. A mèlèe followed and the defence cleared, but the referee had already decided that the shot had crossed the line. Another move, soon after.

appeared to have brought a third goal as Niclas Alexandersson forced the ball through Goram's legs. On this occasion, however, the official decided that the finish had not quite trickled over the line. The embarrassment of the

Brighton's woc Whyte lessons Redfearn prospers .

Rangers goalkeeper typified the crumbling condition of the whole team. Like so many visitors to the Ullevi Stadium before them, they had found IFK resourceful opponents.

IFK's persistence paid off again a minute from the end when the substitute, Eriksson, broke through the defence to add a third goal. That leaves Rangers in desperate difficulty

for the seconds leg at Ibrox. Teddy Lucic, injured since April, took the risk of returning for the Swedish champions in this game and Andreas

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Andersson played even

Rangers persistently hinted then that they were the more able team. If any small encouragement for the second leg survived, it will come from that spell. Laudrup, stricken by chickenpox, was absent Gascoigne, previously limited by injury and suspen-sion to only 45 minutes activity this season, fumbled for form, but Rangers' fortunes are no longer governed exclusively by those two players.

the fellow Swedes who op-

posed him. IFK Gothenburg might have accepted the definess with which he distributed possession in his own half, but they cannot have been prepared for the raking passes with which he occasionally threatened to devise the opening goal. One perfectly weighted ball allowed Durie to gallop through on the left in the 33rd minute. Momentum took him past Johansson, but choices then confused him. Unsure whether to cut a cross back to Negri or attempt to finish himself, he struck his shot so wide that it failed even to hit

the side-netting.
Gascoigne, who was later booked, would miss with a flying header early in the second half and Rangers have discovered once again the dreadful price to be paid in the European Cup by teams that do not capitalise on their

ability. 4 Detect; tiny indication (5)

RANGERS (5.3-2): A Goram — A Caland, J Bjorkund, S Porm, T Vidinar, S Stansaas — P Gascolyne, J Them, J Albertz (sub. 1 Farguson, 69) — M Nagn (sub. A McColst, 69), G Durie. Referee: V Pereira (Portugal)

AC Milan and will officially join them after the second leg. The transfer would be called into question if he is hurt and that willingness to participate typified the pride these men take in their club. Until the intervention of the veteran Pettersson, that valour

had, nonetheless, seemed wholly insufficient. For a Rangers side that has had too many torrid nights against continental opposition, there was comfort, to begin with, in finding that the only fire directed at them came from the sweltering summer.

There was a suggestion in that innocent early stage that football itself was an intruder, with one end of the Ullevi Stadium occupied by the vast stage on which Michael Jackson will strut and sing at the weekend. All the same, it was not just the lethargy of August that delayed the threat to Rangers. Before the interval. they themselves ensured that no external assistance was

supposed to create a democracy of talents at Ibrox and the first half of this game demonstrated that extended franchise. The authority of their captain, Thern, in particular. could rarely be interrupted by

FR GOTHENBURG (4-4-2): T Ravelli — M Johansson, M Eringmark, T Luck, O Magrusson — N Alexandersson, S Pettersson, S Lindqvist, P Karlsson (sub: P Eriksson, 7/mm) — A Andersson (sub: J Ekstrom, 67): R Andersson



Croft and Ilott bury the hatchet

CHELMSFORD: Essex beat Glamorgan by one wicket

THE reconciliation was deliberately planned to be in the middle of the pitch and not in the sanctity of the dressingroom. When Essex achieved a place in the final of the NatWest Trophy yesterday, beating Glamorgan by just one wicket. Mark Ilott and Robert Croft embraced before the television cameras in the on Tuesday evening had been unedifying and out of character. Their counties will announce by the end of this week

whether any disciplinary action is to be taken. Ilott and Croft have been friends since they played against each other, as schoolboys. They regretted the way they squared up to each other over a disagreement about bad light, which was picked up by the cameras and given the same prominence on national news bulletins as the

latest doings of Diana, Prin-

the disciplinary committee of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) spoke to both players at the ground yesterday. Essex and Glamorgan are conducting their own in-quiries, but the ECB has the right to take further action if necessary. This was not as ugly an incident as, say, Javed Miandad and Dennis Lillee threatening each other at

Perth in 1981, but it was bad enough.
"I have apologised to the

Croft said. "What happened connected with the game." This included his mentor, Don Shepherd, one of Glamorgan's finest cricketers, who can hardly have enjoyed his seven-

tieth birthday.
"I wanted to come off for bad light and Robert was keen to stay on." Hott said. "Had we stayed on last night, we would have lost. People talk about soft county cricket, but that was not the case here. A Lord's

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hardest couple on the circuit and yet my mother thinks I committed a crime against the state. Robert and I, Spice Boy and Spice Girl, will be going out to dinner in Cardiff in a formight's time. Our wives are

friends, too.

In lambasting county cricket, stating that "we have to get.
a bit of pastiness into our game" and seemingly con-doning sledging in a news-paper article, Nasser Hussain, flott's captain in this match,

unfortunate message. Few disagree with him that many of his fellow cricketers are not sufficiently hardened. Yet the coarse verbal abuse practised by the Australians is increasingly likely to be aped by professionals in England and there will be some who, as a result, will not be able to keep their tempers in theck Hussain maintained that his appeal for "mental toughne did not have a bearing on what happened on Tuesday. Essex were determined to return to the final after they

were bowled out for 57 by

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gan had not moved beyond the senti-finals for 20 years. It proved to be a sour encounter. Essex took, 11 bells to score

Essent took, II balls to score the six runs they required and the excitement grew when they just the distinct caught at the wicket off the first ball of the second over, entrusted to Thomas. Warper Younis had conceded them seas off the first. So, when Such, a tenender water a first-class average to fingle figures, jound little, a commonsersical atternech was tenured.

Such, although he had slept fithely, was less nervous than on Tuesday and had chosen a lucky talisman: a bat belonging to Graham Goods. The off spinner drove the fifth ball of the over, an attempted yorker, to the extra-cover boundary, yelling at llott as he did so and "run, Mark, please."

It was, Hussain said, the most important stroke he had ever seen him play and the celebrations continued well into another humid afternoon.

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Reiffel and Gillespie go home

BY SIMON WILDE

ENGLAND'S beleaguered cricket team received a welcome lift yesterday with the news that Jason Gillespie and Paul Reiffel — 50 per cent of the Australia attack at Trent Bridge, where they retained the Ashes last weekend --- are unavailable for the sixth and final Test match starting next Thursday. Reiffel is returning home to join his wife, who has

problems in pregnancy; Gil-lespie has back trouble. Their absences will provide an interesting test of Australia's strength and England's opportunism, both players having played important parts in their side winning three successive Tests and taking an unassailable 3-1

lead in the series. The vacancies will probably be filled by two other fast-medium bowlers, Kasprowicz and Julian, whose experience with Surrey should stand him in good stead for a match to be played at the Oval. Both play in the remaining county fixture, against Kent at Canterbury over four days from Saturday. The Australians meet Ireland at Londonderry

Gillespie produced important wicket-taking bursts in each of the Tests that Australia won, including a remark-able spell of six wickets in 47 Trent Bridge aggravated a back complaint and will see a

surgeon before going home. Reiffel's contribution was as much with hat as ball, his 179 runs for three times out from the lower order giving him an average that exceeds that of the top England play-er, Graham Thorpe. He also took 11 wickets and fully justified his addition to the original tour party in early

If this represents a change of luck for England, it has come much too late to save the Ashes, But nevertheless, the match at the Oval would be a useful one for Michael Ather-

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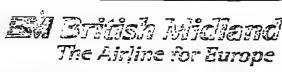
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12 Hermit (9)

2 With emotion (9)

6 (Animal's) rope (6)

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17 Ribboned post, danced

20 Corner; old tribesman (5)

22 Shamefully secretive (7)

strip on shoe (4)

24 Strengthened seam: leather

10 Bird: rapid (5)

19 Investigate (5)

23 Of least size (7)

11 Lift up (7)

8 In attendance; this moment

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U-turn takes Barnes to Newcastle

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JOHN BARNES yesterday signed for Newcastle United, then apologised to West Ham United for having told them that he would move to Upton Park. Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, se-cured the services of the former England forward on a free transfer, more than ten years after taking him to Liverpool from Watford for £900,000.

Barnes, 33, has signed a two-year contract and will be available to play in the European Cup Champions' League, if Newcastle get through the qualifying round against Croatia Zagreb.

Barnes said: "I was very close to joining West Ham. And, before I heard of the interest from Newcastle, I was virtually certain I was going to join them. But once I had heard of Newcastle coming in, I explained the situation to Harry Redknapp [the West Ham manager].

"I wouldn't have liked to have gone to

West Ham with the thought in the back of my mind I had not given myself the opportunity to talk with Newcastle and I explained this to Harry. I said to him I couldn't be totally committed to West Ham ... and he accepted the situation. The way it has happened, it has left me in a very unfortunate situation and I will apologise to West Ham over the whole thing, the way it was actually done."

Barnes was attracted by the chance of playing European football with Newcastle, and Redknapp has refused to criticise him for his decision.

Barnes said: "He is disappointed, and

rightfully so; it has come out badly, but Harry and I are still friends as far as I'm concerned." Barnes said that he was delighted that Dalglish was giving him a chance at St James' Park and insisted that he can still

play an important role for Newcastle. "I am coming to a club with a wonderful squad. I have much to offer but the Newcastle players here do also, individually and collectively. Kenny is an excellent manager — just look what he has done at both Liverpool and Blackburn - and hopefully what he is going to do here at Newcastle," he said.

The transfer was announced in a statement to the Stock Exchange, which said: "The board of Newcastle United announces that John Barnes, who has been offered a free transfer by Liverpool Football Club, has signed a two-year contract with Newcastle United. No transfer fee is payable to Liverpool."

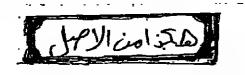
Barnes, capped 73 times by England, could make his debut in Newcastle's next FA Carling Premiership fixture, at home to Aston Villa a week on Saturday, before returning to Antield with his new teammates on Sunday, August 31.

Blackburn Rovers are the front-runners to provide the unsettled Liverpool winger, Mark Kennedy, with an exit route from Antield. The Dubliner, 21, has put in a transfer request after two years in the shadows af Liverpool. If Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, and the board agree to let Kennedy go, Blackburn will head the list of interested clubs.

Kennedy said: "I don't believe I have been given a chance at Liverpool. I've got to get away to fulfil my potential as a player and as an international."

Blackburn have raised £13 million by selling seven players since the arrival of Roy Hodgson as manager from

Crystal Palace were disappointed last night when David Unsworth's move from Everton to West Ham was completed. Palace expect to take their summer spending to £7 million later today, when Neil Emblen, the versatile midfield player, should complete his £2 million move from Wolverhampton Wanderers.





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FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

Communist leader, yesterday cast a spotlight on links between British rightwingers and the Far Right in South

Speaking in Pretoria on the second day of an amnesty hearing of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Derby-Lewis, a leader of South Africa's right-wing Conservative Party, described links with Tory MPs and anticommunist groups in the US. He said the Monday Club of right-wing Tories invited him to address it in the 1980s and said he was well received.

Derby-Lewis told the commission: "I was given a report by the Monday Chib which clarified the Western dependency on South Afican titanium, platinum and other

Derby-Lewis and Janusz Walus, a Polish immigrant, are serving life sentences for the murder of Hani in April 1993 which threatened to deep-en racial conflict In South Africa a year before the first democratic elections.

The two men are testifying about the murder this week in an attempt to win an amnesty from the commission, which can free them if it decides they have told the whole truth, that

CLIVE DERBY-LEWIS, con- the murder was politically victed of the assassination of motivated and that they were Chris Hani, the South African acting for their political acting for their political organisation.
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During the 1980s and early 1990s, Derby-Lewis, a Conservative MP and president of the far-right Western Goals Institute, travelled extensively. In June 1988, the institute — set up as a subsidiary of the US Western Goals Foundation sent Derby-Lewis to Britain when he was foreign affairs advisor to Andries Treumicht, the Conservative Party leader.
At the 1989 Tory conference,

the organisation launched a magazine titled European Dawn with articles supporting the Republicans in Germany and National From in France. The magazine sponsored a fringe meeting with Derby-Lewis as the main speaker. He returned to Britain in 1990 as vice-president of Western Goals and reportedly had "a productive series of meetings with British MPs".

Derby-Lewis is speaking for the first time in public about a murder that remains a painful chapter in South African history. He said he was motivated by the policies of the Conservatives, then the main rightwing group, and killed Hani to create chaos and open the way for a coup by the Right.



Limpho Hani, right, widow of the assassinated communist leader, attending the hearing this week with Winnie Madikizela Mandela

assassination was a tribute to how much he was loved. Only a man of his stature would do as a target for his scheme he said. "Hani had to be the target. No one else had the At one stage yesterday, Der- following he had - perhaps it by Lewis said that Hani's can be seen as a tribute to

Chris Hani that he was chosen," he said.

Hani's family is fiercely opposing his two killers' bid for amnesty. Derby-Lewis provided the gun from which his

accomplice, Walus, fired four bullets into Hani outside his

home. He said he gave Walus an untraceable gun with a silencer but had not expected

him to act so soon. "It came as a terrible shock," he said. After hearing news of the murder on the out the plan. But he heard the next day that Walus had been caught, and was arrested himself a week later.

something else had happened so he would not have to carry

The assassins' lawyers have

statements they made to police which may suggest others were involved. They have argued that the statements made after their arrest were "inadmissible" because police gave them alcohol and deprived



Mandela: in jail on island for 18 years

ANC locks up the marketing rights to Robben Island

BY INIGO GILMORE

A ROW has erupted over the marketing of Cape Town's Robben Island after a move by the Government to patent the name of the was imprisoned, just Mandela months after the name was registered as a trademark by a private

The Original Robben Island Trad-

African National Congress Government of behaving like their apartheid predecessors. The comments came after Alec Erwin, the Trade and Industry Minister, declared in the latest Government Gazette that use of the phrase "Robben Island" and any combination of the 'Robben" and "Island" were now

under government ownership. Under the ruling "Robben Island" is now off limits when linked with

recent clash with the private company which attempted to sell Tshirts, sweatshirts, caps and toy seals in striped prison uniforms at Cape Town's popular Victoria & Alfred Waterfront before it was forced to close by the authorities.

The company now stands to lose its entire investments and Willem Steenkamp, the company's spokes-man, is furious. The National Party

said. They've taken away our legally acquired right to trade and used it for themselves. The more things change the more they stay the same."

The small island, a short boat trip from Cape Town harbour, began life as a penal colony in the 17th century and Mr Mandela spent 18 years locked up there along with other senior ANC leaders.

There are plans to establish a museum, bars and restaurants on ringitations in EaperTown, which cany business occupation or in government used to bring in laws to the island under the aegis of the registered the island as a trademark connection with a trademark, mark 'suit its will and now this Govern—Government-backed Intertim Maneight months ago, has accused the or description applied to goods". The ment is doing the same thing, he agement Authority of Robben Island

and recently the South African President hosted a banquet on the island for Hillary Clinton. Tour operators and curio vendors

have been told that they will have to tread carefully when marketing Robben Island. But Mr Steenkamp says his company is consulting lawyers about the Government's decision to withdraw the commerical use of the name to see if it was unconstitutional. "Curios based on tourist attractions like Buckingham Palace are not for exclusive use by government," he said.

Alarm foils bid to steal Versace's ashes

FROM RICHARD OWEN

THE tomb of Gianni Versace, the murdered fashion designer, has been attacked in the cemetery at Moltrasio on Lake Como, police said yesterday.

They said an attempt to steal the urn containing Versace's ashes was foiled when an alarm went off. The alarm was installed by Santo and Donatella Versace, who feared their brother's grave would be the target of robbers or vandals.

Versace was killed on July 15 outside his mansion in Miami South Beach by Andrew Cunanan, an alleged homosexual serial killer who several days later was himself found dead. Versace was cremated and buried three days later. He had had a villa on Lake Como, and there are plans to build a chapel for his remains near the lake, with space for the ashes of his parents and

other members of his family. The attempted robbery happened last Sunday night but was revealed only yesterday. The police said a chisel had been used to try to cut through a heavy iron chain on the door of the chapel containing the gilded um.

Celestino Villa, the Mayor of Moltrasio, said he believed only one person was involved "probably somebody mentally unbalanced". But La Stampa speculated that the intention had been to demand a ransom from the Versace family for the return of the urn.

The Gazzeta Ufficiale reported yesterday that a meeting of shareholders in Versace's industrial empire has been called for the middle of next month to discuss restruc-

turing the group.

| Miami Beach: Authorities at Jackson Memorial Hospital, where Versace was taken after he was shot, said they were looking into the possibility that some members of its staff had "abused Versace's privacy" on that day. Officials put a trace on computer hits on the Versace file and have sent a memorandum to at least ten staff members demanding an explanation to why they needed access to the

Prophet of doom's guided tour of America's riskiest regions

TH TYASHINGTON

LIFE in the United States is just one hazard after another. according to Mark Mon-

A mapmaker who charts dangers ranging from natural disasters to crime rates, he has drawn up a list of America's ten riskiest places, to which he would be reluctant to move. It is a caralogue of catastrophe that takes aim at some of the country's most populous and popular areas. Leading the roster is practi-

cally the whole of California and not just because of earthquakes, fires, mudslides and tidal waves. Professor Monmonier sees the Golden State as infested with smog. freeway snipers, urban riots, and oil spills. Anyone tempted to stay for a few decades can add thirst to the list. He predicts drought. "I don't suppose 14 be terribly popular in California," he says.

Where can one escape to? Not Seattle, usually near the top of lists of most liveable cities. The jewel of the Pacific Northwest is only 70 miles from Mount Rainier and Glacier Peak - active volcanoes, and the area is vulnerable to severe earthquakes. Hawaii and Alaska are

susceptible to tidal waves, whipped up by submarine earthquakes in the Pacific Professor Monmonier reckons they could race inland and wash up to areas 3,000 feet high. He speculates about part of Hawaii sliding into the sea.

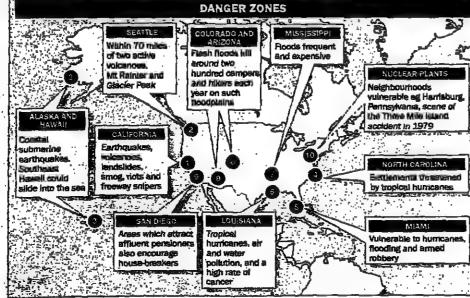
The long, thin barrier is-lands of North Carolina's Outer Banks are wonderfully isolated getaways on the At-

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lantic coast, yet tropical hurricanes are frequent and escape to the mainland can be difficult. Professor Monmonier says that if the global warming raises sea levels, settlements on the Outer Banks will be wiped out in the next century or so.-

Millions of Britons bask in Florida's sunshine, but remember, says the chronicler of woe, how the shoddy construction was turned into matchwood by Hurricane Andrew south of Miami. Miami . has one of the highest crime rates in the nation. The Louisiana coast has more hurricanes, plus polluted air. and water from unregulated chemical industries.

Widespread flooding when the Mississippi burst its banks four years ago, as well as Red River floods this year in Montana, just confirm the need to stay away from the flood plains of major rivers. Profes-

sor Monmonier says. Even smaller flood plains should be avoided in mountainous areas such as Artzona. Colorado or West Virginia, where storms can turn streams into raging flash floods that kill about 200 campers a year.

Affluent pensioners are drawn to the Sun Belt, but so are year-round housebreakers. Watch out, says the professor, in cities along the southern border of the US such as San Diego. Los Angeles, Phoenix, El Paso and Miami. They are "especially hazardous" for burglary and violent crime.

Rounding out his top ten danger zones, Professor Monmonier advises staying stations. Major accidents are rare, with the exception of the 1979 meltdown at Three Mile Island near Harrisburg. Pennsylvania, but there is the spectre of terrorists bombing their way into a nuclear plant.

Not on the list, oddly, are tornadoes, though Professor Monmonier has tracked "tornado alleys" across Oklahoma, Texas, and through the Mid-West to Illinois.

He is a professor of geography at Syracuse University. New York state, which he admits has cold winters that can give people heart attacks from shovelling away snow. He has written a book. Cartographies of Danger: Mapping Hazards in America, and is currently on holi-day. He has not told his office

wife of Donald Trump, has hired a man they call the "pit bull terrier of divorce lawyers" to try to get a larger divorce settlement (Tunku

Varadarajan writes). Ms Maples is to contest the terms of her pre-nuptial agreement with Mr Trump, under which she stands to receive a divorce payout of only \$2.5 million (£1.5 mil-

Trump divorce move with the \$25 million Mr Trump was shaken down for by Ivana Trump-Mazzuchelli. his flamboyant previous wife.

The New York Post reported yesterday that Ms Maples has now secured the services Robert Stephan Cohen. the divorce lawyer who previously acted for Mrs Trump-Mazzuchelli in her divorce war with Mr Trump.

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Drivers get the right to kill car thieves

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A LAW comes into effect in Louisiana tomorrow giving drivers the right to use deadly force against car thieves. The "shoot the carjacker"

law will mean that courts cannot convict anyone who can show that they killed an assailant, whether armed or not, whom they "reasonably" believed was trying to take their vehicle by force.

The law was passed overwhelmingly, by 133 votes to one, in the Louisiana state legislature. It makes such killing a justifiable homicide. Under the measure, the person doing the killing will have to be inside the car being stolen and hold a permit for a concealed handgun.

So far, the numbers seeking gun permits is well below original estimates. Police expected 40,000 would apply, but only 6,500 have done so since Louisiana began issuing the permits last November.

The Bill was sponsored by Charlie Bruneau, a member of the Louisiana legislature, because "carjackings" were on the increase in New Orleans. They averaged two a day last year, many committed by gangs who stole vehicles to go on robbery sprees. Among the victims was Erika Schwarz. the 1996 Miss Louisiana. Her car was taken by a gunman who accosted her as she pulled

Opponents of the law have suggested that drivers might be at greater risk if they strike back. George Steirnel, a lobbyist for criminal defence lawyers, said: "Knowing that head." He described the pro-posals as a "feel-good law" passed without sufficient thought for the consequences. Critics says the Bill is worded too vaguely and does not specifically define a threat, nor

Louisiana already has a law giving householders the right use deadly force against suspected attackers who have entered their homes. In a tragic case five years ago a 16year-old Japanese student was shot dead in Louisiana when he knocked on a front door to ask the way and was mistaken for a housebreaker.

Doug Moreau, a district attorney, defended the new law as supporting those who law will stand behind them if they take action to defend themselves. Random crimes such as carjacking had frayed the nerves of voters who were demanding action, he said.

Prosecutors may even exrend the law's protection to "Good Samaritans" who open fire while coming to the aid of potential carjacking victims.

The law is part of a Southern trend designed to help the law-abiding to defend themselves. Last year, Texas allowed citizens to carry concealed weapons against

Mr Bruneau, who makes a point of introducing controversial legislation, may soon try again with a Bill that failed earlier this year. This would force newly convicted drunk rehicle owners now have a drivers to affix a sticker to licence to kill, carjackers won't their cars highlighting their

Buffalo cowboy in drowned heiress intrigue

FROM GILES WHITTELL.
IN LOS ANGELES

months after she married a buffalo-riding cowboy has left a Californian city bitterly divided — and the cowboy up to \$5 million (£3,000,000)

Margaret Lesher Thorstenson, known as the Jacque-line Onassis of San Francisco for her \$200 million newspaper fortune, was found dead in her underwear earlier this year on the muddy bottom of an Arizona reservoir.

Police have ruled her sudden end an accidental death, but her family have put pri-vate detectives on the trail of her widower.

The saga has gripped northern California since the millionairess left in March with her new husband to set up home on a lavish ranch near Phoenix Collin TC Thorstenson and his tame buffalo, Harvey Wallbanger, have meanwhile become the most reviled rodeo double-act in the West At 39, Mr Thorstenson was

25 years younger than Mrs Lesher when he met her in May last year, charging into a camp fire circle of amateur cowherds on the one-tonne Harvey and making the beast kneel and pirouette to the delight of his audicoce.

pressed than Mrs Lesher, who according to friends quoted in this month's *Vanity Fair*, was longing "for a Christian cowboy to keep her warm at night". They were married in Hawaii six months later.

At a wedding party at the Lesher estate in Orinda, east of San Francisco, the new Mrs Lesher Thorstenson brought gasps with a gift to T C of a cheque for \$3 million and a new shocking pink trailer for Harvey. The cowboy had already persuaded her to buy a \$1.7 million estate in Scottsdale, a Phoenix golf

camping trip to a lake on May 13, towing a new jet-powered speedboat. Mr was already sneaking out for sex with an

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Collin Thorstenson and Margaret soon after their marriage and, below, a kiss before her funeral. The death was ruled an accident and the case has been closed

ranch hands told Vanity Fair. and friends said his wife was lonely and depressed.

Her body was found in 8ft of water, close to the speedboat and less than a quarter of a mile from her empty sleeping bag. Mr Thorstenson has steadfastly denied any wrong-doing and the local sheriff has closed the case. Press investigations have

revealed three formal allegations of abuse by a previous wife, and another beiress says he broke off their engage-ment in 1993 when asked to sign a pre-nuptial agreement. He has been seeking a location to open a topiess bar in Phoenix, according to an associate. Mrs Lesher's four adult daughters have hired investigators to look into his



Riddles persist in **JonBenet** murder

PROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BOULDER

A WHITE cord was wrapped around the neck of JonBenet Ramsey, the murdered six-year-old beauty pageant win-ner, according to an autopsy report released yesterday. The cord was fied to a stick with the word "Korea" printed in

gold.
The report did not fill in a key blank in the murder mystery — the time of death. Neither did it say whether the child had been sexually molested. Cause of death was given as strangulation. The child's skull was fractured.

The death has attracted enormous attention in America as much for its lurid details as for its revelations about beauty pageants for young girls, who dress up like grown

The body was found in the basement of her family's house in the afternoon of Boxing Day last year. Her father, John, found the body about eight hours after his wife. Patricia, said she found a ransom note demanding \$118,000 (about £72,000).

Police said the Ramseys are a focus of the investigation. No one has been charged.

The autopsy report released included details about the cord that had been wrapped around her neck and one wrist. It also detailed the clothing she was wearing. including a white knit shirt with a sequin-decorated star on its chest

A red-ink drawing of a heart was on the palm of her left hand and around her neck was a gold cross, the report said. She also had an identifi-cation bracelet, stamped JonBenet 12-25-96" - the day before she was found dead and a ring on her right hand. According to the report, the coroner arrived at Spm and reported that the child's body was "lying on her back with her arms extended up over her

Officials in Boulder wanted to keep details of the autops secret because they said contained information only the killer would know. But media groups challenged the coroner's office in court and the state Supreme a Court ordered the report to be

Dudley Moore files for divorce

BY GILES WHITTELL

DUDLEY Moore has filed for divorce from his wife. Nicole Rothschild, for the second

time in two years.

The British actor, who lives in Los Angeles, claimed in court papers that the paternity of Ms Rothschilds two year. old son was open to doubt, and cited "irreconcilable dif-ferences" as grounds for

The marriage has been messy even by Hollywood standards. It began in 1994, a month after she claimed that he had beaten her. He was oned. He first filed for divorce last year but dropped the suit. Ms Rothschild, 33, filed a

suit for \$10 million (£6 million) in damages earlier this year, alleging he had chased her, heat her, called her names and forced her to take drugs and do striptease dances for him for up to 20 hours a day. She discussed the allegations on television and threatened to seek a divorce, but they were suppos-

edly reconciled last month.

The marriage appears to Moore's decision to seek a paternity test for their son. Nicholas He had never previously disputed her claim that he is the bother. Married three times before

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to actresses, Moore made the leap from London comedian to Hollywood film star with 10, opposite Bo Derek, and Arthur in 1981. His career has since been dogged by personal problems and he was recently fired from a Barbra Streisand film in New York He met Ms Rothschild

when she was 18. She had been married once before to a Motown musician by whom





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Crowd of 20,000 bays at Tehran

killer's execution FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

AN Iranian serial killer. dubbed the "Vampire of Tehran because he preyed on girls and women at night while working as a taxi driver, was hanged from a mobile crane yesterday before 20,000 frenzied onlookers who chanted "Allahu Akbar" (God

Before he was tied to the ellow crane and hoisted, legs flailing, high into the dawn sky, male relatives of his nine victims took turns whipping Gholamreza Kordieh, 28. His killing spree over three

months earlier this year terrorised women in the Iranian capital. Serial killers are virtually an unknown phenome non in Iran but already there is concern that Kordieh's reign of terror could provoke copy-cat killings. Yesterday, onlookers bat-

tled through traffic to witness the hanging. Some camped out overnight to ensure a good view. Others perched on rees and road signs.

The crowd surged forward when Kordieh, who was not blindfolded, was dragged out barefoot and with his hands tied. About 1,000 baton-wielding riot police held them back as the condemned man was lashed for ten minutes.

Kordich, who still managed to walk after he the lashing. wore a quizzical expression as he gazed at those baiting him. His last words were: "I borrowed money from no one. and I owe none to anyone. I ask God for forgiveness for what I did."



Kordieh: taxi driver preyed on women

Japan war veterans lift lid on atrocities

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

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A GROUP of Imperial Army veterans has publicly confessed to wartime atrocities in the hope of counterbalancing moves to sanitise modern Japanese history for the nation's classrooms,

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As Japan marks the 52nd anniversary of the end of the Pacific War, former soldiers have broken their silence and described their own role in murder, rape and cannibal-ism in occupied China.

We want to share our raw experiences with young people before we die," said Tsuyoshi Ebato, 84, who heads the Association of Returnees from China, a veterans' group.
"These are things that children will not find in government-censored textbooks."

The confessions appear in What did Japan do in China?. an 80-page magazine that Mr Ebato's group hopes to publish regularly as a forum for old soldiers troubled by guilt. In the first edition, Mr Ebato reveals how soldiers like himself - a young officer in the 59th Division serving in

Shandong Province - honed their skills with the bayonet. "June 12, 1945. A beautiful

day without a cloud in the sky," he wrote. "Pour Chinese peasants were tied to posts. They'd done nothing wrong. who cried out to me to let him go because his mother was

I thrust my bay onet into each of them in a frenzy. until my instruc stop." Another veteran. Narakazu . Üematsu. recounts how in

March 1943, villagers were beaten with clubs to get them to reveal the Chinese Army's position. They refused to talk. "I took out my gun and shot seven elderly people, one after the other.

The magazine also crimains the confession of a sergeantmajor who raped and murdered a number of Chinese

women. Then, because food supplies were short, he sliced off pieces of flesh from the women's thighs, fried them and made a meal for members of the unit. Terrible things like this happened on a daily basis in our division," says Mr Ebato. We can no longer remain silent because some

> now saving that never hap-pened." The public remorse shown by the Association, repre-senting 500 years in Chinese captivity. after

the war, has incensed other Japanese veterans and nationedge the Imperial Army's misdeeds. They have denounced the Association as "masochistic" and are campaigning to purge school textbooks of references to military abuses. For years the Educa-

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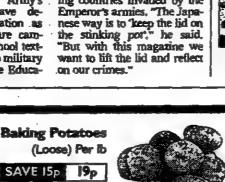
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tion Ministry has ensured that schoolbooks omit or play down shameful events like the building of the Burma Railway at the cost of 16,000 Allied

But this year, for the first are being told about one nasty episode — the 200,000 "com fort women" forced into prosti tution for the Japanese military before and during the war. This has brought angry protests from a coalition of scholars, business leaders and politicians demanding the reference to comfort women should be purged and that Japanese children should be taught "history the Japanese

can be proud of".

Mr Ebato says that as long as Japan tries to over up its wartime misdeeds it can never enjoy the trust of neighbour-Emperor's armies, "The Japa-"But with this magazine we want to lift the lid and reflect





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Tajik rebel colonel resigns

Dushanbe: The Tajik Government said yesterday that Colo-nel Makhmud Khudoyberdyev, a rebel army colonel had agreed to be relieved of his command and withdraw his forces to barracks after four days of fighting around the capital Dushanbe.

The fighting between two rival warlords broke out on Saturday. The colonel's troops

Poison deaths

Moscow: Twenty-one people died and 90 are in hospital after eating poisonous mushrooms near Lipetsk and Voronezh, southwest Russia: Mushroom-picking is popular among city-dwellers. (AFP)

Village slaughter

Algiers: An armed group sur-rounded the village of Hraouate in northern Algeria, slit the throats of 24 people and then shot and wounded ten others who tried to flee, hospital officials said. (AP)

Zambia riots

Lusaka: Zambian police arrested 56 people after scores of traders rioted when their central market stalls were destroyed by a mysterious fire. Armed police continue to patrol the area. (Reuter)

History is news

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Jakarta: Nine tribespeople, forced by famine from isolated forest on Indonesia's Sulawesi island, have learned that Indonesia is independent. One old man thought it was still ruled by the Dutch (AFP)

Blasphemy case



Jerusalem: Tatyana Suskin.

claims pot is as

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

ional Drug and Alcohol Research Centre found that 92 aimost 40 per cent were severely dependent. With-drawal symptoms included insomnia, depression and ap-

Wendy Swift, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre psychologist and authar of the study, said: "A lot of people-say pot isn't addic-

She said that while with drawal from cannabis was not as severe as from alcohol. ever tried cannabis about 10

activities.

cannabis at least once a week and three quarters took it four times a week.

studying and 60 per cent had tertiary qualifications. Researchers also found that women were more dependent on cannabis than men. Ms Swift said: "People use

an aggressive feeling. But there are trade-offs. It's not



above, was ruled fit to stand trial on charges of pasting posters in Hebron depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a pig. The offences carry a 26year sentence. (Reuter)

New study addictive

cannable the greater the risk of becoming dependent."

Ms Swift said that other characteristics of dependent users included having a high

The survey was conducted on 200 men and women in Sydney who had been using for an average of 11 years. More than half used it daily

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IN SYDNEY

CANNABIS is as addinaive as alcohol, according to a study of drug users in Australia published yesterday.

In a survey of 200 long term

tive and you can't get physi-cally addicted, but you other common symptoms in-cluded anxiety and night sweats. "In the general popu-lation, of all the people who

per cent would become depen-dent – probably a similar risk to developing alcohol depen-dence. The longer you use

tolerance to the drug and spending a great deal of time obtaining it, using it or recovering from it which interfered with their obligations or daily

Most were employed or

cannabis because it's nice, it does good things for them and relaxes them. It's better than alcohol because it's not totally benign and it's not the devil it's painted to be."

☐ Beijing: A Chinese actress who started in an anti-drug film has died of an overdose. reported. The death of Zhu Jie, 30; a former drama school classmate of screen superstar Gong Li, was confirmed by Beijing Film Studios. (AP)



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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on abusing the spine, conversations with aliens, new drugs to aid schizophrenics, the dangers of jellyfish for holidaymakers, and an important test for chlamydia

Back strain is peak of mounting stresses

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ecently a mountain guide speak-ing on the BBC World Service said that his charges no longer climbed because of a love of solitude and the beauty of the mountains, but were motivated, he feared, by a form of competitive self-aggrandisement. Some mountaineers, it seems, are prompted by motives little different from those of the Victorian fairground gymnast

who vied with each other to lift 'Slipped the heaviest weight. . Alan Hinkes's attempt to be discs' the first Briton to climb the

world's 14 highest peaks has, he believes, been thwarted by the flour on the surface of his chapati. While enjoying his meal, Mr Hinkes inhaled at the wrong moment, the flour tickled the inside of his nose, he sneezed explosively and prolapsed a spinal disc. Hinkes makes the mistake of

many patients by only considering the immediate cause of a prolapsed (slipped) disc; this may be comparatively trivial - simply twisting to pick up a briefcase from the back seat of the car. lifting a weight no heavier than an 18-month-old toddler, straining to change a tyre, or even simply coughing, sneezing or blowing the nose.

Mr Hinkes must have sneezed tens of thousands of times before without prolapsing a disc; why did it happen on this occasion? Discs, which are the shockabsorbing washers between the vertebral bones, degenerate with age and, in both legs. consequence, wear and tear is frequently a

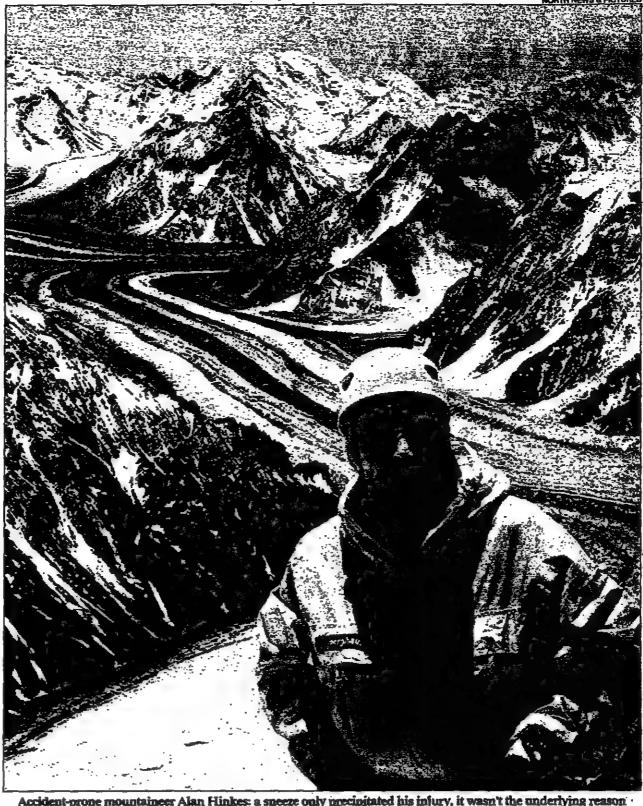
predisposing factor. Sooner or later the gelatinous nucleus pulposus, the squidgy cushion at the centre of the disc, will herniate through a tear in the annulus fibrosus, the tough outer ring around a disc. The protruding, herniating nucleus pulposus may only press on the posterior ligaments in the back, which in itself is painful, or it may touch one of the nerve

roots and produce the agonising pain of sciatica. The usual story is that the patient has been subjecting his or her back to hours, or even days, of mistreatment. This mistreatment may be no more than sitting cramped in a car, hunched, weary, strained by the driving and dehydrated: characteristically the drivers neither stop to stretch their legs nor have time for a drink. It may be that the sufferer

has been continually submit-ting his back to excessive workloads, or has been repeatedly jarring it. Whatever the source of the abuse that causes the weakness in the annulus fibrosus, it is likely in time to damage it so that it becomes irretrievably weakened. If this happens, a cough, carrying luggage in from the car, or even stooping to put on socks may be enough to cause the final prolapse. The sufferer is then gripped by an acute pain which is so agonising that, as Mr Hinkes discovered, any movement is an excruciating effort. After a time the pain usually starts to radiate down one or

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Accident-prone mountaineer Alan Hinkes: a sneeze only precipitated his injury, it wasn't the underlying reason

symptoms; in other cases they develop slowly. Although sciatica, with the pain radiating down a leg, is the most common nerve root pain, the area that is affected depends on the level in the spine where the disc has been damaged. In some cases the pain may be felt in the lower abdomen, in the back, or it may radiate to the inner thigh and genitalia. This latter distribution is known as loin and groin pain, and is a regular source of diagnostic confusion in genito-urinary and urology clinics.

and the point of damage precisely located. Nobody now should be left hing for weeks, or in the past, sometimes even months, on boards while nature healed the problem. Prolonged rest hinders recovery.

Microdiscectomy, the operation in which the surgeon shaves away the disc where it is impinging on the nerve, has revolutionised treatment. Patients who have been so incapacitated that their activities have been seriously restricted for more than three weeks deserve full Not all disc lesions present with classic possible for a precise diagnosis to be made, scan, rather than the mere prescription of what he is achieving.

painkillers. Immediate investigation is called for in those patients in whom the nerve damage is affecting their bladder or bowel control or their potency. Nerve root pain in children and adolescence also

requires immediate investigation.

Mr Hinkes is now back in Yorkshire and enjoying his fish and chips, although he said in a radio interview that notwithstanding the chapatis he had every intention to climb his peaks. At his next attempt he should take it all rather more The advent of the MRI scan has made it investigation, probably including an MRI steadily, and find time to take pleasure in

Symptoms that must never be ignored

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WHEN Proust was in his mid-30s he wrote to his father. who was a doctor, about symptoms attributed to his

Proust was anxious in case he was already developing signs and symptoms of prostatic enlargement, although in retrospect a more feasible diagnosis was that he had developed a chlamydial infection which had given him wethritis, poss bly complicated by

Men are usually all too well aware when they have caught chlamydia, a sexually transmitted infection. The resulting NSU (non-specific urethritis) results in a visible wethral discharge of varying severity and colour, and there is pain on passing

Women, on the other hand, may not notice a urethera discharge, or an increase in their cervical discharge, and are so prone to cystitis that painful urination may be dismissed without

Unfortimately, underating these symptoms can have serious long term conse quences. Chlamydial infections are the commonest cause of chronic pelvic inflammatory disease, which accounts for over 70 per cent of blocked

fallopian tubes. Testing for chlamydia has previously involved collecting swabs from the cervix and urethera and sending them to an efficient laboratory for analysis. Recently the British Medical Journal (BMJ) has reported on a study that tested the efficiency of a recently introduced urine test as a means of diagnosing chlamydial infections in women and as a screening test for those women who could be at in-creased risk of picking up sexually transmitted diseases A view of this research by Dr Linden Ruckert in Pulse magazine, whose practice was involved in the study, suggests that the ligase chain-reaction urine test is not only less intrusive for women but more effective than existing tests and that it will become an important means of detecting chlamydial infections in women before their tubes have been irretrievably damaged

Air marshal's flight of fancy

being published in October.

There are already press and radio reports that the book space. And many are convinced that they have been spaced by the little Peter's conversation with an alien, who told the air marshal about life on flying saucers. One interesting feature of these travellers from outer space is that as they journey they carry with them in their

luggage spare body parts.
Whatever happened in the flat in Smith Square, West-minster, where Sir Peter had his encounter in 1954, may never be unravelled but he is unlikely to convince either his RAF colleagues, or his doctors, that his informant, Janus,

existed.
It is interesting that patients' auditory, visual or olfactory hallucinations, and the delusions that stem from them, are dependent on the prevailing culture. If Sir Peter had lived several centuries ago, and if the explanation for the strange happenings in Smith Square conversations with them is the result of a hallucination.

Until recently, the peace he might have been confronted the morning room of one

Marshal Sir Peter Religious imagery is now undisturbed by the noisy argument that one much-loved healer they have had parament that one much-loved ment that one much-loved ment that one much-loved healer they have had parament that one much-loved ment that one much-loved ment that one much-loved healer they have had paramember held with his voices. Together they battled over the ment an alien, but for those of

green men, but when pressed are characteristhe detail that would have made the story so fascinating. and added veracity to it. It is striking that now Mars has been explored, apt to come

from outer space. Very de-Sir Peter Horsley pressed patients may develop psychotic symp-toms, including hallucinations and delusions. Many other patients suffering from schizophrenia, or its related disorders, also hear voices and may carry on long and complicated Until recently, the peace of

cinations are al-20 common in many forms of dementia as well as in psychotic conditions. Delirium tre-mens and Lewey body dementia, a form of senile dementia, are particularly associated with visual hallucinations.

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Hallucinations may also be

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stranger, but may feel them and may even

complain that

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advances.

inside his head.

In Lewey body dementia the vision is frequently incom-

us who don't like to think that the man in charge of a nuclear strike force was hallocinating. there is another more reassuring explanation. It is possible that Sir Peter, exhausted after his duties at Buckingham Palace where he was then posted, dropped off to sleep in the Smith Square flat and experienced a hypnagogic

yonagogic hallucina-tions are the phenom-ena in which a person who is in the twilight zone between sleep and wake-fulness sees, hears and even feels a hallucinatory other person. The image is very real and it can be very hard to convince the dreamer that the incident only took place in his or her mind. Hypnagogic halhucinations are comparatively common and whereas they are usually part of a continuing sleep disorder, they can occur in people who don't have a history of abnormal sleep patterns.

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Jellyfish warning to holidaymakers

THE hot weather has produced the usual problems for seaside: holidaymakers. This week visitors to beaches in East Anglia have been suffering from jellyfish stings. The tentacles of jellyfish release a mild toxin when they are touched. It

musually causes little more trouble than some reddening of the skin, a fain rash which is mildly pritant. The symptoms are readily alleviated by a simple painkiller — Veganin, for instance, for adults, paracetamol for children, and inflammation is reduced by the amplication of reduced by the application of hydrocortisone cream. If part of the stacle remains stuck to the skin an application of vinegar from the picuic basket will usually cause it to drop off, or it may be removed by applying

sticky plaster and tearing off. Some patients are allergic to such stings. If the reaction is very severe they may need an immediate subcutaneous injection of one in a -thousand adrenalin, and in the very worst cases transfer to hospital. ...



Watch out for jellyfish on the beach

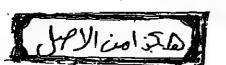
New drugs aid schizophrenics

THE introduction of anti-psychotic drugs 30 years ago was a huge advance in the treatment of schizophrenia. Unfortunately 25 per cent of patients failed to respond to these drugs, and half of those treated with them released with them. with them relapsed within two years. Many of the drugs also have unpleasant

Over the past year or two a new era in the treatment of schizophrenia has started with the advent of the atypical neuroleptics. The indications for the prescription of Risperdal has recently been extended. The advice to doctors to use Risperdal with caution in the elderly has

been replaced with the statement that it is well tolerated in older patients.

Or Tonmoy Sharma, senior lecturer at the Mandsley Hospital. London, said: These new drugs offer a proven treatment with the wer side effects than the older treatment. Patients are less likely to stifler mores treatments are less likely to stifler mores. encess tiredness, sexual dysfunction, gross weight gain, or vincontrollable movement to the face and limbs than are those taking conventional neuroleptics. The new drugs are also better at controlling a wide range of psychotic



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Ancient art without a history

Up to 90 per cent of the antiquities sold on the London auction market have no provenance. In the first part of a two-part series, Peter
Watson exposes an archaeological scandal

ast month, archaeolo-Atlantic were shocked to discover that more than a score of priceless stone carvings that were once an integral part of the spectacular palaces of Nineven and Nimrud in ancient Babylon (now modern Iraq) had been hacked from the walls and were being touted on the international art market in London. New York and

The matter came to light when a man living in Mayfair, central London, who had bought one of the carvings in good faith, sought permission to take it out of Britain. Dr

John Curtis, the expert from the British Museum who was called in to yet the application, spotted that the object had been looted from Nineven and refused the

Such pillage shows nowhere is now safe from thieves. Later this year, two British archaeologists will reveal much more disturbing and wideranging evidence looted antiquities. Over the past four

looking into several important collections of ancient artefacts these revelations: Up to 90 per cent of the antiquities that appear on the London auction market are unprovenanced. many of which may have been illegally excavated and smuiggled out of their countries of origin.

Although Sotheby's

this year, in The Times and on Channel 4, to have sold antiquities that had no provenance and in some cases had been stolen and/or illegally excavated and smuggled, unprovenanced traffic elsewhere is almost as

was shown earlier

 Many modern private collections are made up largely of illicit objects.

• Collectors, or the experts who catalogue their collections, are often deliberately. misleading about provenance, concealing the fact that antiquities have been looted and smuggled.

 Certain museums and other institutions in Britain and abroad may be unaware of, or turn a blind eye to, the

ast month, archaeolo-gists on both sides of so, they flatter collectors, who may bequeath these objects at some point in the future. To that extent, such museums have allowed commercial considerations and ambition to overtide their duty to scholarship.

Collectors, well aware of this attitude in museums, stage exhibitions in these institutions, which seek to confer respectability on otherwise unprovenanced collections. Most important, the scholars show how our understanding of the past is threatened by the widespread scale of the

A typical Greek figure

the high-profile new collec-

tions archaeologically meaningless

These revelations come

from Dr David Gill, currently

a senior lecturer in the classics

and ancient history depart-ment at the University of

Wales Swansea and before

that a curator at the Fitz-

william Museum in Cam-

bridge, and Dr Christopher

curator at the Museum of Ar-

chaeology and Anthropology at Cambridge and editor of

Antiquity, Britain's most wide-

ly respected archaeological

As academics, Drs Gill and

Chippindale, senior assistant

na and tenacity in following up paper trails into obscure journals and dusty archives. The two have calculated the proportion of antiquities that have turned up for sale at the major auction houses with no looting, and how it renders the declared history over the past bulk of the ancient objects in three years. In May 1997, the figures for New York auction houses (ex-

government officials and museum curators about the way

looting affects our understand-

ing of the past. However, combined with the previous

disclosures, the new evidence

will put further pressure on

The method used by Drs Gill and Chippindale relies on close attention to detail, stami-

curb the traffic.

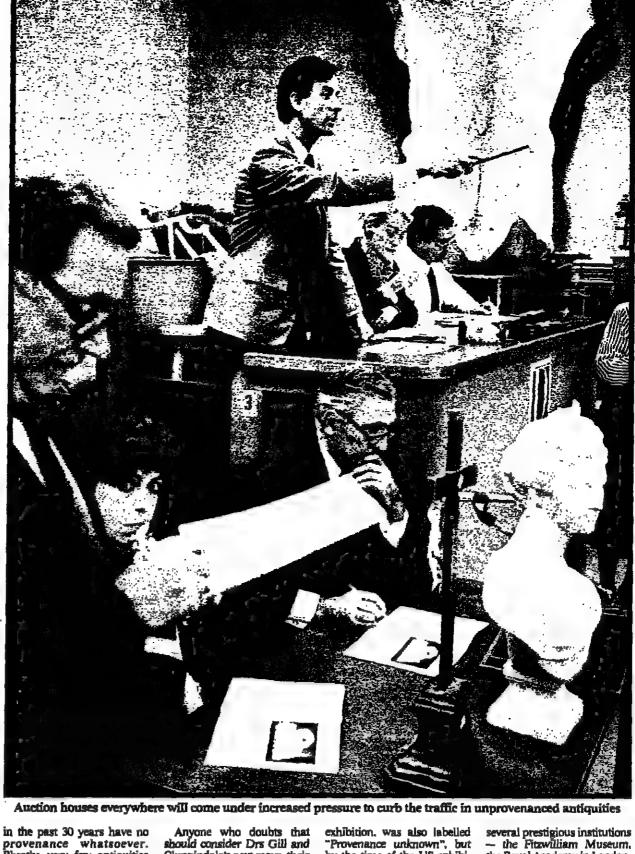
cluding Bonhams. which held no sale) were: Christle's, 89 per cent; Sotheby's, 67; and, overall, 76. The figures for the July 1997 London sale were: Bonhams, 94 per cent; Christie's, 36; Sotheby's 73; and, overall, 86. One defence often put for ward by the auction houses is that unprovenanced antiquities may not necessarily have been illegally excavated and smuggled out of their country of origin, but that they might have come out of those countries before modern laws

were in force. The short answer Drs Gill and Chippindale give in reply indeed, they go further, and damn it as a "convenient fiction", a presumption that suits the art trade. Looking at four modern collections, they traced each of 569 objects back as far as its provenance would

go, and found that only 101 items had been in a previous collection. That figure should be put alongside the fact that, in four other collections where calculation was possible, 449 out of 546 objects, or 82 per cent, first

came to scholars' notice in the past 30 years. This is important, as the Archaeological Institute of America has drawn up guidelines forbidding its members to have anything to do with antiquities with no provenance and that have appeared on the market after December 31, 1973.

What is therefore clear from the figures unearthed by Drs Gill and Chippindale is that the great majority of the fine Chippindale's first aim is to antiquities that have appeared inform other archaeologists,



provenance whatsoever. Bluntly, very few antiquities have ever been in an old collection or someone's attic. Instead, most objects without a history may have been illegally excavated and smug-gled - and fairly recently at - and fairly recently at

No less revealing is the wording used by auction houses and collectors when describing where objects come from. In the collections and sales that Drs Gill and Chippindale looked at, it transpired that 395 out of 590 artelacts were described in very woolly ways. Some were "said to be" from such-andsuch a place, others were "allegedly from" island X, still others were "possibly from" city Y. Some were simply

labelled "?". Even when a place name is given as a find site, it turns out that many are really euphemisms, phrases so vague as to be archaeologically meaningless. Instead of saying Turkey", dealers use the terms "Anatolia", "Asia Minor", Black Sea Region", "Ionia" etc. An aura of provenance fills space in the catalogue, making it appear that the collector's curators, or salesmoon cataloguers have earned their fee.

Cluppindale's next move, their most audacious and the most difficult for them to follow through. For with a large number of objects, they managed to trace back their history through earlier sales and collections. This involved delving in dusty archives and locating little-known catalogues with a limited circulation. But their efforts were repaid. They found that the provenance of many objects had, in their

words, "drifted". Take, for example, an object in one of the exhibitions they looked at, "Art and Culture of the Cyclades", held in Karlsruhe, Germany, in 1976, one of the most important showings of Cycladic antiquities ever held. No. 41, an abstract figure, was labelled "Provenance unknown". However, in an exhibition held in the United States in 1987 entitled "Early Cycladic Art in North American Collections", the same object was labelled "Reputedly found on Naxos". If any extra information had come to light in the intervening years, the catalogue of the 1987 exhibition did not make this clear.

Similarly, a marble head.

by the time of the US exhibition, it was "Reputedly found

Levy Collection, shown in "The Gods Delight: the Human Figure in Classical Bronze exhibition", at Cleveland. Ohio. in 1988, had come from "Syria or Lebanon", according to the catalogue. By the time the same figure was displayed at the Metropolitan Museum in 1990, it was la-

belled as "from Egypt".

Many more such examples could be given and the implication is plain: most of these provenances could be baseless, to hide the possibility that they may have been looted and smuggled.

on Keros". In a third case, a

statuette of a woman, part of

the Shelby White and Leon

Drs Gill and Chippindale next turned their spotlight on

the Royal Academy in London. the Hermitage in St Petersburg and the Metropolitan Museum —that have exhibited large collections of antiquities in recent years whose origins were at the least questionable. In "The Glories of the Past"

 the title given to the exhibition of the Shelby White and Leon Levy collection at the Metropolitan Museum in 1990 - Drs Gill and Chippindale found that only 4 per cent of this collection had a known provenance, that some 90 per cent had no provenance whatsoever, and that the remaining 6 per cent fell into the notorious "said to be" or

The "Crossroads of Asia" exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum in 1992 comprised a collection belonging to a mys-

"probably" categories.

terious organisation, "A.I.C." - what the initials stood for was never explained. In this collection, 88 per cent of the objects had no history before the exhibition, but were legitimised because the Fixwilliam show also featured properly provenanced artefacts from the British Museum, the Ashmolean and the

And in the George Ortiz Collection, shown at the Royal Academy in 1994, 23 per cent had no provenance at all. while 62 per cent were in the "said to be", "possibly" and "allegedly" categories. The point here is not that there were one or two objects in each of these collections that were open to question, but that the vast majority were.

t is important to add that we are not dealing with "everyday" antiquities but with some very significant objects. Drs Gill and Chippindale highlight this by focusing on a number of specific antiquities whose provenance they were able to investigate:

 A bronze statue of Lucius Verus in the "Glories" exhibition in New York. This is most probably one of 20 life-size bronze or marble statues that were looted in the Sixties from Bubon in northern Lycia (the part of Turkey opposite Rhodes). The room from which these sculptures were stolen still contains the inscribed statue bases, which allow us to know the identity and order of the statues that once stood there. The room seems to have been linked to the Roman imperial cult, and a statue of the emperor Septimius Severus was among

others looted.

• An Attic black-figure amphora, by the Bucci Painter, from the last quarter of the sixth century BC, showing a bearded ploughman on one side and a multi-branched tree with birds on the other side. This object, which forms part of the Shelby White-Leon Levy collection, was bought at auction at Sotheby's, Lot 132, in the auction house's sale on Ello,000. It can now be revealed as having been consigned to the salesroom by Giacomo Medici, the Italian dealer who was shown earlier this year to be the mastermind behind so much of the illegal antiquities trade.

Sotheby's marked catalogue for the sale where the Bucci amphora was bought - and which was made available to me - shows that the object was consigned by Christian Boursaud, Medici's righthand man

We are left, therefore, with the inescapable conclusion that many modern collections of antiquities are, for the most part, made up of valuable objects that have been illegally excavated, smuggled out of their countries of origin, often then bought at auction, with labels attached that may well be archaeologically meaningless. The true nature of this whole business depends on

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Encounters of the clairvoyant kind

Diana, Princess of Wales, hand with Dodi Fayed, flew by Harrods helicopter to the Derbyshire home of Rita Rogers, medium, appar-

ently, to the mega-rich. Dodi and the Princess emerged beaming, having clearly been told some Good News by Rita, who, while claiming never to snitch on her clients (the Duchess of York is also among their number) is nevertheless in the process of writing her autobiography.

The Princess is not noted for the acuity of her character judgment, clairvoyant or otherwise. Some years ago, I was dispatched to Surbiton by the newspaper for which I then worked, with instructions to have a "session" with clairvoyant Betty Palko, who was reportedly giving the then troubled Princess - still married, but in the throes of the "Squidgy tapes" farrago - the benefit of her other-

worldly wisdom. Betty, a grandmotherly figure with beady eyes, informed me that I had a lovely aura, a long life ahead of me and a recently deceased relative, an older man in uniform, keeping an eye on me from The Other Side. "Your father?" she suggested, tentatively. No? Ah, then your grandfather." But both my grandfathers had died before I was born. Betty would brook none of this, "Well he is there," she said,

firmly. I departed none the wiser about the uniformed man and with a reinforced conviction that anyone who consults a clairvoyant needs their head examining. And I speak as one whose own head was in dire need of scrutiny when I embarked upon my own

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It is easy to mock Diana for consulting a clairvoyant, but Sandra Parsons who has been there, and done that, sympathises

The New York incident, as I call it, was prompted by my engagement to Chuck (yes, really), a lanky, goodlooking American who was kind. decent, and, it has to be said, wealthy. But despite the fact that he had given me a stunning diamond the size of a Malteser and that his parents adored

me, I could not rid myself of the increasingly uncomfortable thought that I had made a hideous Matters came to a

head one Thanksgiving when, at a family dinner, I had a sudden, appalling vision of this being it for the next 60 years. Thousands of miles away trom my own family and friends. I took myself off the next

day to Greenwich Village for retail solace and time to think. And then I saw it. On a huge corner site, the pink neon sign said CLAIRVOYANT.

I was through the door before you could say batty, and endured an unenlightening 45 minutes which ended with the woman saying that I was clearly in need of help and that for an additional \$200 she would gladly

episode of medium madness ten years do some extra work with her crystal ball. I told her she could keep that for other poor suckers and stalked out.

But by now I was hooked, Stupid, I reasoned, to have gone somewhere so commercial. Real clairvoyants, I told myself, were more discreet. I searched the Village sidestreets before deciding upon a narrow brownstone bearing the minutest of "clairvoyant and medium" signs.

A dishevelled blonde opened the door and announced that she was doing her Hoovering, which for some ridiculous reason convinced me she must be genuine. Mercifully, I have forgotten her name. She was unable to help on the question of my future marriage, but did tell me that within the year someone close to

Seeing into the future me would die. She also told me that when I got back to England, I should immediately buy three red roses, and for three consecutive nights have a bath, sprinkling the petals in the water. After each bath I was to wrap the petals in aluminium foil, and at the end of the three days, post them to her.

I know, I know. But I did it. A few days later, I was woken by the still to understand.

phone at 7am - 2am New York time. It was the clairvoyant. "Sandra, thanks for the petals. I've been up all night chanting for you, and I have to tell you I know what your problem is. Your aura is cracked, badly." She paused for me to assimilate this

terrible news. "I can heal it for you, but it won't be easy. I'm going to have to use real gold, and you know that's not cheap. We're talking \$5,000."

The more I laughed, the more offended she became. "Sandra, if it was your roof, or your car, you'd do it, wouldn't you? This is your aura we're talking about. This is serious."

hung up on her and came to my senses. I handed back the diamond to my erstwhile fiance and finally renounced all lurking belief in clairvoyants when, a year on, no one close to me had died.

A few years later, I was round at a friend's for tea when her immensely down-to-earth Australian nanny suggested she give me a tarot card reading. I told her I thought such things were nonsense but let her do it anyway. "This is amazing," she said, pointing out various cards. "You are going to meet and marry a wonderful man who is younger than you. You will have children. You will be insanely happy.

You lucky, lucky thing."

I snorted my disbelief and forgot all about it. Within the year I had met. fallen in love with and married my husband, who is five years younger than me. We have a daughter. We are (touch wood, not that I'm superstitious, of course) insanely happy.

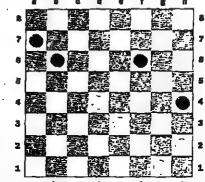
As I said, easy to sneer at the Princess. But, for me at least, easier

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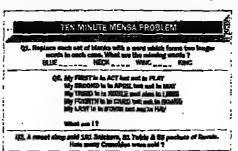
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TUESDAY'S SOLUTIONS CASH RUBBINEY Aresirer to its correct. The correct court in discard is the \$4. Every other card in the hand is part of a possible midd, but the 424 needs two additional cards to make a maid. First Messas problem: 1 328 — in, (reading left to right) multiply the first two digits of the first number which equals the first two digits of the second number. Repeal for second fero digits etc. 2 136—alphabetical ossions of letters multiplied, le Bc17. 3 Broach. The jeweltry item is spelt brouch. TWEXT. Answer a, e5, is correct. and Mease problem: 1 Number plus 1, thus: a is 6, b is 12, c is 9, d is 7, 2 Humburg 3 Answer is 1.

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A bridge for the gap year

Tessa Blackstone explains

the new deal on grants

oday hundreds of thousands of anxious 18-year-olds will learn their A-level results. I offer my congratulations to those who have gained what they hoped for — and to those who have not, it is important that they look at all available options from alternative courses to available options, from alternative courses to repeating next year.

The results show continuing high levels of achievement, with an overall pass rate of more than 87 per cent. Nearly half of young people now achieve a qualification at this level, but we must do significantly better if we are to succeed as a nation in the next century, with more young people gaining either A levels or equivalent vocational qualifications.

This year we are able to refute one of the more damaging canards levelled at A levels. It cannot assist young people's self-esteem to be told that their exams are watered-down versions of those taken 20 or 30 years ago. Ofsted and the schools curriculum authority have thoroughly examined these claims and have concluded that standards in A levels and GCSEs have remained broadly the

same for 20 years.

I am determined to ensure that the standards of our national qualifications continue to be rigorously maintained. We have already taken action on this, including rationalising the examination awarding bodies and reducing the enormous proliferation of A-level syllabuses.

We will be consulting in the autumn on how best to meet our commitment to support broader A levels and upgraded vocational qualifications. underpinned by rigorous standards and key skills. The report in yesterday's Guardian that we plan to "axe" A levels is silly seasonal nonsense.

Full-time students going to university this year will do so in a system where tuition remains free, although part-timers and further education college students have always faced fees. The Government has inherited a university system with a funding crisis. If we did not address funding for the future, access would be curtailed. and quality seriously affected.

Last month we responded to the independent Dearing committee's recommendations by announcing changes to student maintenance and introducing fees. The contribution which parents have to make, taking into account both fees and maintenance, will not be any bigger next year than this year. In addition, students from less

well-off families will not have to pay fees.
It is important this point is repeated. There will be extra maintenance loans available to students at a zero real rate of interest. Repayment periods will be considerably more generous than under the present loans scheme, and will be related to ability to repay. It is important that students and their parents understand the new scheme, because there has been a lot of poor advice around

ast week we had available for the first time figures on gap-year students. About 19,000 place at university in 1998 instead of 1997 in order to take a year off. Many of them will be doing voluntary work. They will have been promised a place for 1998 conditional on their examination results. We have given particular consideration to this group since those figures became available.

We want to encourage volunteering. Thousands of young people each year work on environmental or social projects at home or in developing countries. Those who have taken up such opportunities already, and who have a conditional place for next year, will be treated exactly as if they had started in higher education this year - the same mix of loans and grants, and no tuition fees. We will also be examining ways to encourage more volunteering in the future. Many students will undertake valuable work experience in preparation for their course of study. Some will be volunteering in situations not covered by the major national organisations. Others may simply be travelling around the world.

For reasons both of fairness and administrative simplicity, we have therefore decided to place all 19,000 gap-year students who have already applied for a deferred place under the same rules. If they have received a firm or conditional offer of a place by August I for 1998 based on this year's results - and they meet the university's requirements - they will be treated as if they started university in autumn 1997 in terms of both fees and maintenance.

In considering new funding arrangements, equity and fairness have been our watchwords. They have helped to inform what I believe everyone will recognise to be a sensible and fair way forward for all students, including those

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Attempts to sustain the myth of gentlemanly cricket may be damaging our prospects, says Magnus Linklater

Perhaps it is time we stopped being shocked by cricketers behaving badly. There comes a point when Can we afford to play thundering epithets such as "disgraceful", "shameful" or "unforgivable" — all to be read yesterday after the ill-tempered NatWest semi-final — become the game any longer? as predictable as a fourth-ball bouncer from a frustrated seam bowler. With cricket these days being driven as hard as any other sport by big money and

where myth and reality strain so hard in opposite directions that the myth ceases even to be ironic. These days to say "it isn't quite cricket" is to invite the response "... and just as well. too".

It may even be the case that this uneven struggle to maintain the gentle-manly aspect of the game has become a positive barrier to the improvement of cricket in England. In Australia it has been a byword for infamous behaviour ever since Dennis Lillee booted Javed Miandad in the backside in the 1981 Pakistani Test series and Miandad threatened him with his bat. My 1982 Wisden called it "the reflection of a graceless age" and said that true cricket-lovers had been "sickened by Lillee's antics". That may or may not have been the case, but far from it being judged a moral cancer at the heart of cricket, Australia has progressed to become the best Test team in the world, hammering an abject England into the ground, while Lillee himself is welcomed as an about the state of English cricket with Geoffrey Boycott. Yesterday's thug is today's elder statesman.

here is much hypocrisy at the heart of this dispute. Everybody who was at the Essex-Glamorgan match on Tuesday admitted that it was a nail-biting contest between two sides. motivated by the utmost animosity, both of them determined to win. Alan Lee reported in The Times that "the entire game had been combustible, though much of it was of compelling quality". Throughout the alternoon it was punctuated by incidents which exacerbated the tension, including a fearsome beamer which struck the Essex batsman Stuart Law on the arm. When, in fading light, the game was called off with only six overs to go, two wickets to fall and six runs to get, there was, not surprisingly,

edginess among the players.
But as the jostling began, the commentators fell back on the usual expressions of simulated anguish. "That

witness," said Tony Lewis. "A disgrace-ful climax," reported the Express. "The shameful semi-final scenes at Chelmsford shocked millions of fans," com-plained the Evening Standard, Really? I bet most of those fans would have given their eye teeth to have been there themselves. It is just this kind of nervetingling contest that has won a whole new generation of fans over to what is now a mass-speciator sport. The high drama of the one-day game has, equally inevitably, attracted large sums of money, bringing further pressure to win at all costs. "My players' willingness to fight has been brilliant," was the comment of Matthew Maynard, the

more honest comment on the game, You cannot turn the clock back. Nor, I guess, can you sustain that level of competitive animosity on the field without the occasional outburst of crude and even violent behaviour. Of course it has to be controlled. I doubt if even the

Glamorgan captain, and that was a far

deteriorate to the point where an outraged bowler takes a Mike Tyson-style bite out of the umpires ear simply because he has nurned down an low appeal. I would not like to encourage the awful baiting of players as they reach the crease, or the bad-mannered petulance of bowlers when their hysterical the crease, or the bad-mannered petu-lance of bowlers when their hysterical appeals are turned down. But there are ways of dealing with these things, rather as fake injuries or dissent have been handled on the football field. Perhaps, indeed, if the cricketing authorities could have the cricketing authorities could bring themselves to consider it, football has some useful lessons to impart. It would not, for instance, spell the end of civilisation as we know it if umpires were given the right to hand out yellow cards, or send a player off. The sooner we realise that cricket is no longer a nostalgic paradigm for a long-lost England the better. It is, in the end, just a game — a very exciting, absorbing and intense game which English players would very much like to win rather more often than they do.

And is this so-called deterioration all

that new in any case? Didn't the greatest of English cricketers, W.G. Grace, once replace his left bail after it had been knocked off by the bowler, and then blame it on the wind? In terms of sportsmanship, that was infinitely worse than anything that took place at Chelmsford on Tuesday. Yet in those days England was considered a top nation.

The unpromising land of Zion

n December 1941, late in the year the Holocaust had started, Adolf Hitler was holding one of the regular dinners at which his conversation was recorded. The special guests on that occasion were Goebbels. his Propaganda Minister, and Himmler, who bore the chief responsibility for organising the Holocaust. Hitler talked about two now little-remembered Austrian politicians from before the First World War, Schönerer and Lueger. Both were anti-Semites; Schönerer was a pan-German anti-Semite who thought that the Austrian state ought to disappear; Lueger, who became Mayor of Vienna, was a pro-Habsburg anti-Semite who believed that hostility to Jews could be used to maintain an independent Austro-Hungarian Empire under Austrian leadership. Hitler described to Goebbels and Himmler the impact

competitive pressure, why should we be surprised by incidents which, on the football field, would merit little more

than a free kick and a wagging finger

Because, sir, cricket is more than just

a game, it is a way of life. Because, like nuns cycling through the dawn and warm beer in village pubs, it stands for certain standards of what we once called

civilised behaviour. Because, as Lord

Harris, one-time President of the MCC,

wrote to The Times on his 80th birthday

in 1931: "It is more free from anything sordid, anything dishonourable, than

any game in the world. To play it keenly.

honourably, generously, self-sacri-ficingly, is a moral lesson in itself, and

the classroom is God's air and sun-

I wonder, I wonder, in particular, how long we can maintain the fiction of

cricket as a moral benchmark in these

days of "sledging", ball-tampering, and

English cricket captains vouchsafing such sentiments as "You are a ********

from the referee?

Lueger had had on him.
"When I arrived in Vienna, I was a fanatical opponent of Lueger. As a pan-German, and as a supporter of Schönerer, I was accordingly an enemy of the Christian-Socials. Yet in the course of my stay in Vienna I couldn't help acquiring a feeling of great respect for Lueger personally. It was at the City Hall that I first heard him speak. I had to wage a battle with myself on that occasion, for I was filled with the resolve to detest Lueger, and I couldn't refrain from admiring him. He was an extraordinary orator. His popularity was

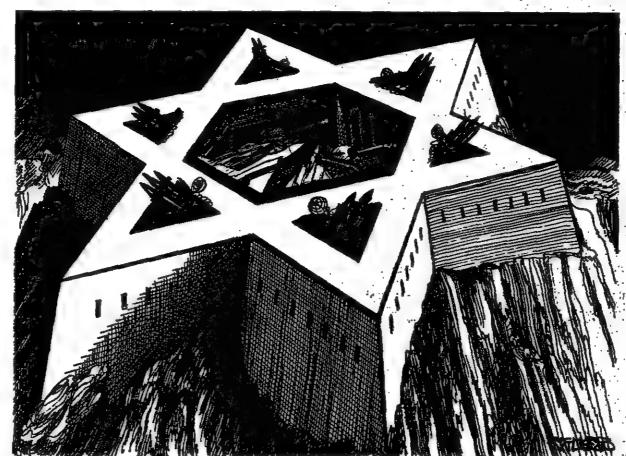
In the 20th century there have been two events in Jewish history of outstanding importance, the Holocaust and the creation of the state of Israel. The ideas which led to the Holocaust were developed by Adolf Hitler from the anti-Semitic politics of pre-1914 Vienna. The ideas of modern Zionism, which led in 1948 to the creation of Israel as an independent state, were also formed in Vienna, only a few years earlier, partly as a reaction to Austrian anti-Semitism.

In 1896 Theodor Herzl, a highbrow and emancipated Jewish journalist, published his Der Judenstaat (The lewish State), which is the foundation book of Zionism, rather as Karl Marx's Das Kapital is the foundation book of communism. Herzl was then living in Vienna, among the gifted Jewish community. In the same street lived Freud and Mahler, which gives some indica-tion of the intellectual contribution of Jews to Viennese life at the turn of the century. There were some 300,000 Jews in Vienna, about a sixth of the popula-

tion of the city. In the following year, the first Zionist Congress was held, not in anti-Semitic Vienna, but in Basie. In last Tuesday's Financial Times, there was an excellent report by Jackie Wallschlager on the centenary exhibition that is being held in

Basie this August. Herzl was not only influenced by Austrian anti-Semitism: as a correspondent of the Neue Freie Presse, he had We still live with the legacy of fin-de-siècle Vienna: Hitler's anti-Semitism led to the Holocaust; Herzl's Zionism led to

Israel. But can a Jewish nation state now offer Jews security?



covered the anti-Semitic Dreyfus case in Paris. His Austrian and French experience convinced him that Jews would never be safe except in their own country, where they could defend themselves. He believed that assimilation would not provide Jews with security against anti-Semitism, but that a Jewish nation state could.

Herzl himself was a thoroughly assimilated intellectual. In advocating a Jewish state he was opposing many of the assumptions of 19th-century liberal and non-religious Jews. As early as 1845, the conference of Reformed rabbis at Frankfurt had deleted from the ritual all prayers for a return to Zion and a restoration of a Jewish state. The Philadelphia Reformed Conference of 1869 followed the lead of the German rabbis and decreed that the messianic hope of Judaism is "the union of all the children of God in the confession of the unity of God".

Herzl put together a coalition of assimilated Jews who believed in Jewish nationalism with Orthodox Jews, many

William Rees-Mogg

of them living in great poverty in Eastern Europe and Russia, who believed in the tradition of the return to Zion. He was opposed by many liberal Jewish intellectuals of the period, and by most of the wealthiest Jews, though they gave generous charitable support to Jewish settlements in Palestine. It was the Holocaust which convinced the great majority that Herzl was right. He had said that assimilation could not protect European Jews from the anti-Semitism he had seen in Paris and Vienna, and a Viennese anti-Semitic student, Adolf Hitler, had grown up to murder some six million European Jews, assimilated and unassimilated alike.

The Holocaust and the independent

decade of history, the 1940s. Without the Nazi persecution, which even in the 1930s was recruiting supporters for Zionism and emigrants to Palestine, it is doubtful whether Herzl's idea of a Jewish state could have been realised, even with the support of the Balfour Declaration of 1917. Hitler, who should never be underrated as a judge of geo-political possibilities, thought that "the attempt to create a Jewish state will be a

Israel is a remarkable society, in many ways an admirable one. Yet a century after the first Zionist Congress and nearly 50 years after Israel's Declaration of Independence, the permanent security of the state of Israel remains in question. We know that Herd was right in his belief that assimilation could not protect the European Jews from anti-Semitism. The Holocaust vindicated his fears. What we do not know is whether the second part of Herzl's judgment was correct. If assimilation cannot protect Jews, does

it follow that the nation state can do so? This is what makes the peace process so important; Israel can provide security for its people only if it can win peace with its neighbours. The peace process is obviously not going well. Suicide bombings and mass riots have alienated raelis; the Israeli blockade has alienated Palestinians. There is deep distrust

The Israeli population is not itself the community that Herzi foresaw. European and American Jews, who are the children of the European Enlightenment, are now in a minority. The majority are either born in Israel, or of Russian or Middle Esstern descent. This has some advantages, in that their culture may be closer to that of the neighbouring Arab countries. It has the disadvantage that the assimilated Jews of the first post-1948 generation, such as Abba Eban as Foreign Minister, were among the original doves

fter 50 years as an independent state, Israel is looking to the next 50 years, israelis cannot predict what will happen to the politics of the Arab world, but most of them are pessionistic. They do not regard neighbouring Arab states as politically stable, yet a change of regime, particubarly in Egypt or Saudi Arabia, would almost certainly damage Israel. They do not trust Yassir Arafat's Palestinian regime. That makes them rejuctant to offer further concessions for a peace settlement which could be invalidated by some unpredictable change in the Arab power structure.

Israel is heavily dependent on the United States: American power protects
Israel in the Middle East, just as it
protects Taiwan in the far Pacific. Both Israel and Taiwan feel concerned about their protection. How long will the United States be able to project such global power? A British guarantee given in 1910 would have been much more impressive than one given in 1960. Will the balance of power in 50 years allow the United States to guarantee the security of a small country in the Eastern Mediterranean? Will the next nine American Presidents be as loyal to Israel as the past nine? Can Israel rely on the help of a European Union, when Europe, only 50 years ago, was the scene

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of the Holocaust?
Some of the Jews of Herzl's own kind, living an assimilated life in Britain or in the United States, have remained supporters with cash and speeches, but now have a terrible fear that Herzi was wrong, that the nation state itself is more of a danger than a security for the Jewish people. Certainly the culture of the Western and the Israeli Jewish communities seems to be moving further apart. Israel has the continuing support of a world lewish community which no longer has any wish to live in Israel.

A rum tale

THERE is trouble among the coconut palms of the Caribbean island of St Lucia. It involves Princess Margaret's great friend Lord Glenconner, an elephant called Bupa and a former British champion in the martial art of tai

Lord Glenconner has lived in self-imposed exile in Caribbean for years, investing much of the sub-



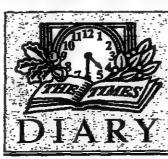
stantial wealth he inherited as head of the Tennant family into making Mustique and then St Lucia fashionable with royalty and rock stars. Recently, however, he has had more than his fair share of legal and financial problems on the slands and now runs a jerk chicken shack and rum shop.

Michael Jacques, a tai chi instructor, is claiming that

Glenconner approached him about the possibility of leasing his proper-ty on St Lucia and buying up some of his land. Glenconner used to keep an elephant called Bupa on the island. "He wanted a home for his elephant handler," says Jacques, "and to build a road to link his business on the Jalouise beach beneath my property. At first I thought it was great — Lord Glenconner renting my house!"

Now, however, Jacques is claim-ing that Glenconner has taken too much land, even though the papers, when were drawn up, did not stipulate just how much of the property the peer was allowed to have. Jacques wants the return of the land, which was left to him by his grandfather

From St Lucia, Glenconner says: "It is not my concern. It has



nothing to do with me." The suit is expected to come before St Lucia's

● Shivers ran through the Vatican the other day as a party of country clergy was paying a visit to St Peter's, among them an 80-year-old parish priest who had spent most of his career as an exorcist. When the Pope came out to welcome the party, he recognised the old man and greeted him, saying with a smile: "Are there any devils in the Vatican?" "Yes," the priest replied gravely, "there are lots of them."

Chop phoey

WRITING in this week's issue of Country Life, David Tang, the hyperactive Hong Kong businessman

has adopted a style somwehere between James Joyce and a particu-larly impenetrable Chinese restaurant menu. Doubtless while puffing on one of his omnipresent cigars, he has written a review of The Last Governor, Jonathan Dimbleby's new book on Chris Patten's tenure as Governor of Hong Kong. "A chopsuey of Alan Clark and Anthony Trollope," Tang writes, "hotly stirred and quickly served up by a Boswell. But it doesn't taste all that good — some of the ingredients were found to be



"I'm sorry, someone seems to have enhanced the images in my crystal ball

off: Cradock, Howe, Heseltine and many other mandarins from the Foreign Office. Small wonder that they are now complaining that the really nasty taste to the dish comes from the main ingredient: Patten himself, made all the more indigestible by cook Dimbleby. But it is far too early to tell whose bitterness is justified. History takes a bit longer to swallow and taste." Like the reviewer's writing.

Premiership

LAST night saw a five-a-side football match in Tuscany between a team from Tony Blair's house-par-ty and one from the local village. The England side in this prelude to the World Cup game against Italy which takes place later this year, included the Prime Minister, his two footballing sons, Euan and Nicholas, who have attended official receptions on this holiday clutching their footballs, and a couple of their bodyguards.

The match was played in the early evening, but a grimly reticent. Downing Street said it would not be revealing the score.

Odourless

arum plant which last year, as this Diary reported, produced noleaves, but rather flowers and a smell combining rotten flesh and burnt sugar. The so-called corpse plant, which looks like a giant exploding leek, drew an extra 20,000 visitors and the world's press to Kew in 1996. This year, it has another surprise.

The like tuber has sprouted incredible towering leaves, but no flowers. "Sir David Attenborough is fascistated by the thing," says a spokesman at the gardens. He visits the gardens regularly to check on its progress. "It is such an unusual plant — rare even in its natural plant — rare even in tive Sumatra. So rare in fact that even Sumatrans have been coming here to look at it."

Paris heroes

A MOVING new ceremony will be incorporated into this year's com-memoration of the Allied liberation of Paris, which took place on August 25, 1944. Eighty French actors and actresses will take up their pos-tions outside the Museum of the Rights of Man from midday until midnight, from where they will read out the names of all those non-Frenchmen who died in defence of AUGUST brings news from Kew conscript armies. Foreign Resistance fighters will make up the



Jane Birkin: paying fribute

bulk of them. No mention will be made, however, of their particular nationalities or wartime activities. The reading is the brainwave of a

new organisation called "L'Association du Mémorial Vivant", which has the backing of the British the atre director, Peter Brook and the actress Jane Birkin, both of whom live in France.

The association plans to continue tory), and on the Allied victory), and on the same site in Paris, and is keen to hear of any names, who may not have made the first list. this activity next year on May 8 (the day of celebration of the Allied vic-

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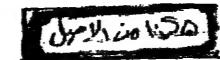
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JINNAH'S LEGACY

A great nation with too little to celebrate

Pakistan today marks its fiftieth birthday. From market, mosque and municipal hall speeches, ceremonies and official jubilation will recall the tense but heady moment in 1947 when the improbable vision of Mohammed Ali Jinnah became a reality. A new state, conceived as a bastion of Islam in the sub-continent, was horn. But 50 years after the bloodshed and carnage, the awful accompaniment to the wrenching division of British India, even Pakistanis are wondering what there is to celebrate.

In a sombre message to be broadcast today, President Leghari recalls that democracy was the spirit of August 14, 1947, when Pakistan came into being, a day ahead of independent India. But he notes that even while celebrating the nation's freedom, the triumphant Dr Jinnah predicted "the grimmer battle for preservation of that freedom and building it on a firmer and sounder basis". That battle is still being fought. Indeed, as Mr Leghari admits with humbling honesty, despite half a century of economic growth, the fate of the common citizen has not changed much. Unemployment, illiteracy, malnutrition and pollution are common; a gulf still yawns between rich and poor. The President exhorts his country to pause and ponder the question: What has

gone wrong down the road?"
He himself gives some of the answers. He speaks of a population explosion that is eating up every industrial and agricultural gain; of the need for well-defined social policies and "efficient and effective" laws and strong institutions; of the unresolved Kashmir dispute that has bedevilled relations between Pakistan and India and the heavy toll of the Afghan war. He confronts the nadir to which the nation's morale has now sunk. With its Churchillian echoes of tears and sacrifice, his speech is both a bleak assessment of a nation that has lost its way and a challenge to country and Government to make a fresh start.

The statistics reinforce the sense of gloom. Pakistan is a country where soldiers out-

number doctors nine to one. A quarter of its 130 million people live in poverty. Only 36 per cent of the population can read or write, and among the women of Baluchistan literacy is 2 per cent. An international monitoring group includes Pakistan among the world's most corrupt countries. Most of its land and wealth is controlled by a mere 400 families. Defence spending and interest on the £18 billion foreign debt consume over half the national budget. And a recent survey found that almost half the nation would prefer a return to military rule, the form of govern-ment for 24 of Pakistan's 50 years.

All this falls sadly short of the principles Dr Jinnah pursued with such single minded obstinacy. But many of Pakistan's current difficulties lie in that very pursuit. For the country's raison d'être was a theocratic rather than cultural, linguistic or geographicall concept. Divided into two wings a thousand miles apart, the central Government spent the first 24 years trying to juggle the interests and budget of East and West with predictably disastrous results. And when Bangladesh broke away after a fratricidal war, the dislocation to the body politic led to the hanging of Pakistan's subsequent Prime Minister and a new period of military rule.

Yet in contemplating their unfulfilled promise. Pakistanis can take some comfort. They inherited a functioning civil service, a sound legal system and a well-trained army which is an asset so long as it stays out of politics. They have shown a resilient attachment to democracy despite the blows against it. They have proved, in their diaspora and in industry and research, able entrepreneurs. They have a deep moral attachment to family, religion and com-munity. And, despite the setbacks, they have built up a sense of nationhood that shows itself most exuberantly on the cricket pitch. Britain was a midwife at the country's difficult birth. It has a profound interest in Pakistan's success in moving into the next century with the prosperity and security that have eluded it for too long.

OUT OF THE TRAP

The day of reckoning has been eased for some students

This morning will not be a comfortable one in many households. At few points in life does so much depend upon what is revealed promise rather than risk chaos". We argued in so few seconds. As they awaited the A- that all those who had received conditional in so few seconds. As they awaited the Alevel results, parents as well as students offers for 1998 and then met the requested have spent the past two months with the grades should have the same financial shadow of the examiner at their shoulder. For some the anguish will be over and their plans can now be implemented. Others will be left in a state of considerable uncertainty. The clearing process may prove at least as testing as the weeks that have preceded it. The Times will do what it can to soothe that stress with a service which begins today with bur 16-page supplement, providing a comprehensive compendium of courses.

Each year the competition for available places seems to intensify. This reflects the rising numbers who pass A levels. There is a legitimate debate about whether this examination now stretches students enough, but that should not detract from the individual achievements that will be rightly. celebrated. Students can only deal with the exams they have been set. Many thousands of families who until now have never seen a son or daughter enter higher education will shortly have that experience.

This year an additional element has complicated calculations. As The Times was the first to note, the decisions taken by the Government in the light of the Dearing report created an injustice for gap-year stu-dents. Having applied, been offered, and of funding rules, they suddenly found that these had been altered. As that penny, or rather tens of thousands of pennies, dropped, the students concerned seemed likely to abandon plans for a free year before university and swamp the clearing system.

A week ago we advised the Department for Education and Employment to "comtreatment as their contemporaries. Any other outcome, we believed, would strike most people as at odds with basic fairness. The initial reaction of ministers was to dismiss the matter. Two days later their ground shifted somewhat, to suggest that those who had registered for voluntary work would be considered for dispensation.

Teday, in her article on the page opposite, Baroness Blackstone, the Minister for Higher Education, says that all 19,000 affected students will now be treated for the purpose of both fees and maintenance as if they had started university in 1997. This is a welcome reassessment. The Government's dilemma stemmed from the best of motives. its determination to deal with the cash crisis in the universities. It was right to attempt to introduce new arrangements at the earliest opportunity. But the "gap trap" thus created threatened to undermine the fragile consen-

sus behind the Bkmkett/Dearing project.

The Government's change of heart has come in time to re-establish some stability in the clearing market. Those who had applied in advance and had organised their year between school and university can now return to those arrangements. The Government could perhaps have anticipated this problem at the time of David Blunkett's original parliamentary statement. It should serve as some small compensation to those who receive disappointing news today that even ministers can make mistakes and still have a second chance to recover from them.

WHEN WERE YOU BORN?

Mystics clearly have a great future

almost as lucrative as the first and much more respectable. Diana, Princess of Wales, is only the latest public figure to find herself gazing into the heavens for a glimpse of the future. In the Bard's Ancient Rome, Cassius Consoled Brutus with the thought that their fault lay not in themselves but in their stars. Modern India was born at midnight 50 years ago on the advice of a guru. Ronald Reagan chose the same witching hour for his inauguration as Governor of California on the advice of his wife Nancy's psychic sidekick. It is easy to mock but those gifted with the second sight such as Rita Rogers. the Pilsley Romany, perform a valuable service. They know the great truth at the heart of all horoscopes, the eternal mystery of the timing which governs emergence from the word - there is one born every minute.

There is another truth to which the best psychics are privy. Given the overlap between their address books and Nigel Dempster's they are all too conscious that The wicked fairy often sprinkles gullible dust as liberally in the well-appointed private room as the overcrowded public ward. The Duchess of York's robust scepticism towards the constricting nonsenses of the Court did not prevent her squeezing herself into the Islingion psychic. Pyramids are, of course,

Astrology is the second oldest profession - not the only venerable Egyptian treasures

which have captivated a Princess. It is in affairs of the heart that the psychic comes into her own. Whether it is by the turn of the tarot or through a glass darkly, the mystic can scry the features of the favoured son. Curiously, the man most will marry is never short, pallid and ugly and always possessed of a nice personality. It may be the distorting curve of the crystal, or the gloom of the consulting room with only a guttering Boots candle for illumination, but the intended always looks more coffee than tea. The man in the ball inevitably has the swarthy appeal of an Annabel's Omar Sharif or Brompton Road Sultan. So, a girl might think, if the stars dictate surrender to the East then why not accept fate's decree? A kiss on the Med is just Kismet.

Psychics, like management consultants, may speak in meaningless gobbledegook charge outrageous hourly rates and still tell their customers exactly what they want to hear but both, like the bacteria in the lower gut, are useful parasites. They redistribute money from the undeserving and idle rich more effectively than any sumptuary tax yet levied. Both callings also provide employment for those souls insufficiently rigorous for the professions, but not creative enough for the arts. There is, clearly, still a great future in clairvoyance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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risk of pregnancy

From Miss Barbara Hewson

Sir, I see that the Government plans to target schoolgirls "at risk" of preg-nancy, with a view to educating them about the perils of premature parenthood freport, later editions, August II). What is it planning to teach them: "Just say No"?

Surely a Labour Government should also tackle the behaviour of the men responsible for impregnating these young girls? Birth control is not an exclusively female issue, and

as a girl's problem.

Britain comes second only to the US, which has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in the industrialised world. Both countries' records are deplorable

In the US, research carried out by the Alan Guttmacher Institute (1996) found that two thirds of teenage mothers were impregnated by adult males and that "almost half of 15-19 year-olds think that the average young person ... does not have enough accurate information about sex and reproduction". hudging by the teenage pregnancy rate here, British teenagers are similarly lacking in information.

On July 31 the Camden New Journal reported that children as young as 11, 12 and 13 were seeking help in terminating unwanted pregnancies That is appalling. It also suggests that our society fails to protect young girls from predatory sexual behaviour by some males, who do not care about preventing pregnancy, let alone protecting adolescents from premature sexual activity.

Labour will not solve the problem of teenage pregnancy unless it is prepared to instil socially responsible sexual attitudes and behaviour into men and boys as well.

Yours faithfully, BARBARA HEWSON, 12 Grav's Inn Square. Gray's Inn, WCl. August 11

From Councillor Dr Paul Walker

Sir, The Government's proposal of targeting under-achieving girls in secondary schools, with the aim of reducing the number of teenage pregnancies, and thus the cost to the public purse, represents a totally inadequate "sticking plaster" approach to a very serious problem.

Such an approach merely addresses what we epidemiologists term the proximal or immediate causes of the problem, namely the lack of knowledge about contraceptive methods and the failure to fully comprehend the magnitude of the responsibilities of parenthood. The underlying causes, namely the lack of self confidence, empowerment and career prospects, are not dealt with.

The Government's idea of targeting these girls is spot on; but what needs to be delivered is high-quality remedial general education by the very best teachers: not just sex education and warnings of the perils of premature parenthood. In this way they would stand some chance of developing the self-respect and hope which are the really effective contraceptives.

Sex education is, of course, important - for boys as well as girls; and it should start at an early age. But providing a good education to the less advantaged through affirmative action and preferential funding if need be is more important.

Yours sincerely. PAUL WALKER, 8 Church Avenue Sneyd Park, Bristol. August 13.

Call for commas

From Mrs D. Vaughan Meyrick

Sir, Thank you for publishing Derwent May's article on punctuation, That's a hyphen, dash it (August 8). As we now have a Government claiming to be concerned about education. the subject badly needs an airing.

Ignorance of grammar and punc-tuation today is the result of poorquality education yesterday. Today's teachers cannot be justly blamed because so many of them were not taught such disciplines at school. The educational ideology of their school-days held that, left to themselves. children would find out what they thought they needed to know. This theory saved their teachers a lot of hard work and allowed pupils to express themselves by writing unreadable rubbish, without correction.

The pupils are now the teachers, Mr Blunkett expects them to teach grammar and punctuation. How?

Yours faithfully. D. VAUGHAN MEYRICK (Secondary schoolteacher, 1936-70), 2 Penrice House, The Crescent, Cardiff Road: Llandaff, Cardiff. August 8.

From Mr Andrew Tringham

Sir, Derwent May castigates those who omit commas before noughts, as in "2000". There may be a sound reason for this. In most of the Continent the comma in a number is not used to separate thousands, but decimals, so its inclusion is not always helpful; indeed, it could be misleading.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW TRINGHAM, 70 Havelock Road, Croydon, Surrey. andrewt@tringham.demon.co.uk August 8.

Teenagers and the Tory lauds Dalyell's independence

From Sir lan Lloyd

Sir, Magnus Linklater ("Parliamentarian at bay", August 12) has de-ployed a number of powerful argu-ments in support of the view that any attempt to deselect Tam Dalyell would reflect gravely on the reput-ation of his constituency party, the Labour Party in Parliament and, indeed, the House of Commons. As a former political opponent of Dalyell, I would like to deploy one further

argument in his support The present House of Commons, like most of its predecessors, does not lack its ration of placemen, officeseekers and sycophants. Nor are future Parliaments likely to enjoy a healthy surfeit of independent-minded Members (of any political party or none).

The combination of knowledge, judgment, independence and political courage exercised in the public interest - which seldom coincides totally with the contemporary definition of that interest by the party in power - is comparatively rare in those seeking to enter the House, It will become more so if the exercise of these qualities by those who have managed to surmount the obstacles, both to entrance to Parliament and survival in it, are attacked by groups in their local party organisations who cannot claim in any sense to be representative.

None of those who served with Tarn

Daiyell, however much we may have disagreed from time to time with his arguments, could possibly deny that he fitted precisely Burke's definition of the Member who owed his constituents, above all else, his independent judgment. But he has also made a further contribution to Parliament which is quite exceptional and of increasing importance.

All too few Members have shown any interest in the growing scope, significance and effects of science. to which the political establishments of all three parties tend to pay little more than lip service. Tam Dalyell's contribution to science policy and the public understanding of its sig-nificance in Parliament has invari-ably been knowledgeable, construc-tive and sustained. Few, if any, can

Although my own political loyalties lie elsewhere, I would argue, on this record alone, quite apart from his immense vision on the Midlothian question, that if his constituency activists were to deselect him they would be doing a great disservice not only to Parliament but to science.

Yours faithfully. IAN LLOYD (Conservative MP, 1964-92). Bakers House, Priors Dean. Nr Petersfield, Hampshire. ian@shelmalier.demon.co.uk

Unravelling the housing chain

From Mr Lionel Bloch

Sir, The Adam Smith Institute's reported proposals for the simplification of house-buying (details, August 11) The delay and uncertainty involved

in so many conveyancing transactions are caused primarily by the unwillingness of buyers to commit themselves until and unless they have found a purchaser for their own property. The infamous chain transactions are merely the inevitable consequence of the fact that a buyer needs the proceeds of sale of his existing home to pay for the acquisition of the new one.

The claim that there would be no dashed hopes or expectations is pernicious nonsense unless a purchaser is willing to enter into a commitment which he may be unable to honour without incurring the costs of a bridging loan for an indefinite

If solicitors advise against this risk they merely do their job. It is those who propose quixotic solutions who to use the elegant expression of the institute — should be "taken by the scruff of the neck".

Yours faithfully, LIONEL BLOCH (solicitor). Halcyon, Ormond Avenue, Richmond, Surrey.

From Mr Paul Greenwood

Sir, The problem of gazumping [letters, August 4 and 9] would be re-duced if vendors — with the assistance of their agents and solicitors - put their house in order before marketing

This is simple and entails obtaining the deeds from the building society, asking their solicitors to draw up a draft contract and a local search, and having a surveyor carry out a structural survey or house-buyer's report, as appropriate. The cost of the latter can be added to the purchase price, thus making the surveyor beholden to the purchaser.

A complete package for the purchaser's solicitors, coupled with an exclusivity agreement whereby the vendor and purchaser undertake not to sell/buy for a short agreed period, will greatly reduce the delay between an offer being accepted and exchange of contracts (so long as no "chain" is involved). It will thus eliminate the chances of gazumping. Purchasers can help their case by

getting a mortgage offer subject to the property before they make an offer. Yours faithfully,

PAUL GREENWOOD (Managing Director), Stacks (property consultants), Kemble Farm, Minety, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, August 4.

From the Chief Executive of the Society of Licensed Conveyancers

Sir. Mr J. P. O'Brien (letter, August 4) is critical of the proposal aimed at reducing gazumping which would invoive nome-buyers and seliers providing a preliminary deposit upon reaching initial agreement to proceed. and which would then be forfeitable by the innocent party if the other was to withdraw without acceptable reason. He suggests that a simpler solution would be insurance, which would recompense the innocent party for lost legal and survey fees.

However, the main purpose of suggesting that an initial deposit be paid, subject to the terms of a simple preliminary agreement, would be to induce the parties, once they have agreed to proceed, to honour that agreement. The thought of losing a preliminary

deposit of 0.5 per cent or 1 per cent of the agreed price may not prevent a seller from accepting a considerably higher offer; but the certainty of losing hard cash today, as opposed to the promise of a higher price tomorrow, would undoubtedly act as a powerful

Yours faithfully. NIGEL EWERT EVANS. Chief Executive The Society of Licensed Conveyancers, Chancery House, 55 Church Road, Croydon, Surrey. August 8.

School food

From Dr Eon Harper

·Sir, The heart bleeds for your malnourished correspondents of Eton, Westminster and St Edmund's, Ware, (article, August 8; letters, August 10 and 12). Thousands of less privileged. working-class youngsters were grateful for whatever fare they received for dinner (lunch) in the state schools of postwar Britain, My own school meal supplemented the minimal diet that my exhausted father, a miner, was able to provide.

Nothing represents with more clarity than do these three offerings the woeful lack of conscious insight and sensitivity of the privileged towards the massively greater numbers of people in this country who were struggling to survive. Why give so much space to such nonsense?

Yours sincerely, EON HARPER, Leigh Farmhouse, Leigh Road. Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire. August 12.

From Mr Anthony D. R. Holland Sir. At Harrow, in the early years of the Second World War, a cockroach was discovered in the stew, to which our housemaster made the memorably crushing comment "Well, at

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY HOLLAND, Windlesham Manor, Windlesham, Surrey. August 11.

least it is cooked.

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Mad prawns

From Colonel J. I. G. Capadose (retd) Sir, Mr Peter Hungerford-Welch is alarmed by reading of "de-ranged" lawnmowers in Tonbridge [letter,

August 12: also letter, August 13]. Let him not come up the road to Sevenoaks, where mad tiger prawns" are sold over a supermarket fish counter. This exotic, if disconcerting, title appears on the little label spewed out by the weighing and pric-ing device, which cannot manage Madagascar".

Perhaps his fears of Kentish vendors would be allayed, on the other hand, by buying a portion of the more prosaic and comforting "trad undyed hadd".

Yours faithfully, JAMES CAPADOSE, Breaches. Vicarage Hill, Westerham, Kent. August 12.

A trouble halved

From Mr J. E. Humphrey Sir, Is it not refreshing to note that

your report (August 4) of the possible threat to these shores from the malaria mosquito, Anopheles gambiae, and of the "mongrelisation" of the racial purity of the native honey bee, omits the now customary assurance of government spokesmen that troubles are but inheritances from their predecessors in office?

Yours faithfully, J. E. HUMPHREY, 9 Offington Gardens, Worthing, West Sussex. August 4.

Lord Simon has nothing to declare

From Lord Simon of Highbury, Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe

Sir. With reference to the leader in your newspaper today entitled "Above suspicion", and your front-page report yesterday "Lords to face Nolan review of standards", you may, for the avoidance of what would appear to be continuing doubt, find helpful a clear statement of my own position in relation to the declaration of my

nterests in the Lords' register. Firstly, your leader implies an oversight in the declaration of my directorships. In fact, I resigned all my directorships on appointment to ministerial office. I therefore had no directorships to declare.

Secondly, I have no consultancies nor do I intend to have for the duration of my ministerial appointment. Again, there was nothing to

Thirdly, with regard to my share-holdings, you will know that the requirement to declare shareholdings in the Lords' register is discretionary. My former BP shareholdings were already a matter of public record detailed in the BP annual accounts. My shareholdings in BP have now been sold. My non-BP shareholdings were being dealt with via a blind trust, in accordance with the then Questions

of Procedure for Ministers. I must stress that the arrangements put in place since my appointment as Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe to avoid conflicts of interest in respect of my personal finances and private interests have reflected the advice of my Permanent Secretary and have at all times been fully in accordance with the requirements of Questions of Procedure for Ministers.

I hope that this sets the record straight

Yours faithfully. DAVID SIMON. Department of Trade and Industry, l Victoria Street, SWI. August 13,

Class and the Army

From Mr J. K. Morland

Sir, Out of the list which you publish today of 243 Army officers newly commissioned from the RMA Sandhurst no more than 100 come from public schools (I include all borderline cases). All the others of state or grammar schools.

So much for the controversy in your correspondence columns (August 7 and II) on the subject of snobbery in the Armed Forces.

Yours faithfully. J. K. MORLAND. New House. Capel Leyse, Moorhurst Lane, South Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey.

August 12. From Mr Peter Scott

Sir, Major Eric Joyce (reports, August 4 and 8) would appear to have had the last laugh over his superiors. Your account today of last week's Sover-eign's Parade at RMA Sandhurst shows that of the 45 officers commissigned into the Brigade of Guards and the Cavalry 44 were educated at the major public schools (12 of them at Eton or Harrow), whilst of the 62 entering infantry regiments 48 were

schooled in the independent sector. This is however entirely academic. Anyone who has served in the Army will know that, regardless of the officers' educational background, it is the warrant officers and sergeants who run the show.

Yours sergeant-majorly, PETER SCOTT, The Broom, West Woodburn, Hexham, Northumberland. bti-uk@msn.com August 12.

The music of Strouse

From Mr Barry Fantoni

Sir. In his review of A Lot of Living! (Arts, August 8) James Christopher tells us that the songs are from a swath of obscure Broadway musicals". They are not.

Bye Bye Birdie was a massive hit and was made into a film. Dance A Little Closer was a massive flop and made front-page news for being one of the few Broadway shows in recent times to run only one night.

Mr Christopher also failed to say that all the music, as well as the odd lyric, was written by Charles Strouse, whose most acclaimed success is Annie. The show is actually billed as "Charles Strouse's A Lot of Living!"

Yours faithfully. BARRY FANTONI. 3 Franconia Road, SW4. August 8.

Figuring it out

From Mrs B. M. Speelman

Sir, I am curious to know whether the falling unemployment figures, which Labour in Opposition repeatedly claimed were manipulated and spurious, are now genuine.

Yours faithfully, MIRIAM SPEELMAN. 2 Cholmley Gardens. Mill Lane, Hampstead, NW6. August 13.

Forthcoming

marriages

The engagement is announced between Graham, younger son of Mr Warren Ford, of Chaifont St

Giles, Buckinghamshire, and of Mrs Gill Ford, of Tring, Hertford-

shire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mrs Jessie Bonner-Thomas, of

London, and the late Mr Evan Price Borner-Thomas, of Port-madoc, North Wales and London.

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and

Mrs Manhew James, of Breamore, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter

of Brigadier and Mrs Rupert McCarthy, of Buckland Newton,

The engagement is announced between Thomas David, younger

son of Mr and Mrs George Neville

Campbell Rivington, of Manotick, Canada, and Katharine Elaine,

younger daughter of the late John Douglas Burns and of Mrs Burns.

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Raymond Smith, id Oxhey, Hertfordshire, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek

The marriage took place on Sal-urday. August 9, 1997, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sopworth. Wiltshire, of Mr Andrew Sells to Miss Kate Hatch.

The bride was given in marriage

by Mr Carlos Tavares-Gravato. Mr Richard Boggis-Rolfe was best

Mr S.R.T. James and Miss S.V. McCartley

Mr T.D. Rivington

of Toronio, Canada.

and Miss R. Martin

Mr G.R. Smith

Marriage

and Miss K.I. Hatch

Mr EA.P. Sels

and Miss K.E. Bores

Dorsei.

Mr R.J. Pascoe and Miss A.S. Hern

The engagement is announced between Richard John, son of Lady

Kings Norton and step-son of Lord Kings Norton, of Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, and Anna Susan, daughter of Mr and

Mrs Bryan Hern, of Arundel, West

The engagement is announced between Evan David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Bruce-

Gardyne, of Middleton, Arbroath,

Angus, and Elizabeth Lactita, clider daughter of Licutenant Colonel and Mrs Nicholas

Prescott, of Dalnacreoch, Gartmore Stirlingstore.

The engagement is announced between John-Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Flimoff, of

Fulham, London, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Green, of Fitzroy, Somerset.

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs

Derek Hackett, of Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, and Isobel (Izzy),

daughter of Mr H.deS. Dodgson, OBE, and Mrs Dodgson, of

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs Alan Hedley, of

Lee Brockhurst, Shropshire, and Rebekah, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs Stuart Poole, of Shatterling, Kent.

The engagement is announced between Alexander David Whar-

ton (Sam), son of Prebendary and Mrs J.A.K. Millar, of Brompton,

London, and Alice Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs LLC. Fergusson, of Vaturhall, London.

Mr LD. Hackett and Miss I.M.deS. Dodgson

Mr T.J-P. Flintoff

Charing, Kent,

Mr CAE Hedley

Mr A.D.W. Millar

and Miss A.R. Ferge

and Miss R.C. Pools

and Miss H.R. Green

Sussex, lately of Wimbledon.

Mr E.D. Bruce-Gardyne



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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

August 12: Princess Alexandra was represented by Mr Christopher Bland at the Memorial

Service for Colonel Ian Elliot which was held in Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Church Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight. today.

Oxford University

The following prizes have

been awarded as a result of the

examination for degrees of

Bachelor of Civil Law and

Magister Juris in European

Vinerian Scholarship 1997

ham. Magdalen College.

The scholarship has been awarded to Ann C. Bucking-

Rupert Cross Prize 1997 and

the Herbert Hart Prize for

The prizes for the best perfor

mance in the papers in Evi-

dence and in Jurisprudence

and Political Theory have

been awarded to Frank A.

The prize for the best perfor-

mance in the paper in the

Conflict of Laws has been

awarded to Timothy G. Nel-

Clifford Chance Prize 1997

The Prize for the best perfor-

mance in the Magister Juris

has been awarded to Frouke

Monekton Chambers Prize

The prize for the best perfor-

mance in Competition Law

has been awarded to Douglas

M. Clarke, St Edmund Hall.

The prize for the best perfor-

mance in Crime. Justice and

the Penal System has been

awarded injutty to Rosalind J.

Phelos and James H. Roe.

The prizes for the best perfor

mance in Corporate Finance

Law and in Corporate Insol-

vency Law have been awarded

to Angela Civitella, St Hugh's

both of Pembrake Callege.

Allen & Overy Prizes

Snyckers, Balliol College.

John Morris Prize 1997

son. University College.

Heus, Keble College.

Simms Prize 1997

and Comparative Law:

University prizes

Birthdays today

Miss Sarah Brightman, singer. 36: Lord Chorley. 67: Mrs Jennifer d'Abo, president. Moyses Stevens Group, 52: Mr Fred Davis, snooker player, 84: Mr Buddy Greco. singer. 71; Dr Keith Hampson. former MP. 54; Mr D.H.L. Hopkinson, former chairman. Harrisons and Crosfield, 71: Mr R.D. Jackman, cricketer, 52: Dom Philip Jebb, Prior of Downside, 65; Professor Sir Andrew Kay, surgeon, 81; Mr Justice McKinnon, 59: Sir Robin McLaren, diplomat, 63: Mr Sieve Martin, actor and comedian, 52: Lord Mishcon. QC. 82: Dr Oliver Neville. former Principal, RADA, 68: Professor Lillian Mary Pickford, FRS, physiologist, 95; Mr Frederic Raphael, author. 66: Mr Michael Stevenson, deputy director, regional broad-casting, BBC, 37; Sir Ronald Stewart, former chairman. London Brick Company, 94: the Right Rev Hewlett Thompson, Bishop of Exeter, 68: Lord Whaddon, 70.

Durham University

Dr Robert Hawley has become Chairman of the Council of the University of Durham. He succeeds another Durham graduate. Dr Howard Phelps. who has retired after five years. Dr Hawley began as a research scientist with C.A. Parsons, becoming managing director in 1976. He was later a board member of NEI and Rolls-Royce and chief executive of Nuclear Electric and British Energy. He is President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and nonexecutive Chairman of Rotork. INBIS and non-executive director of Pricorder Tech-

BIRTHS: Paolo Sarpi, philos-opher, Venice, 1552; Charles Hutton, physicist, Newcastle. 1737; Sir Walter Besant, novelist and philanthropist, Portsmouth, 1836; Baron Richard von Krafft-Ebing, neuro-psychiatrist, Mannheim, Germany, 1840; John Galsworthy. novelist and dramatist, Nobe laureate 1932, Kingston Hill, Surrey, 1867.

Anniversaries today

DEATHS: Augustus Toplady, clergyman and hymn writer. London, 1778: John William Fletcher, clergyman, Madeley Shropshire, 1785; George Col-man the Elder, dramatist, London, 1794; Johann Herbart, philosopher, Göttingen, 1841; William Buckland, geologist, London, 1856; George Combe, phrenologist, Edin-burgh, 1858; Colin Campbell, Baron Clyde, field marshal. Chatham, 1863; Richard Jefferies, writer, Goring, Sussex, 1887; Alfred Harmsworth, 1st Viscount Northcliffe, proprietor of The Times 1908-22. London, 1922; Cyril "Sapper" McNeile, novelist and creator of Buildog Drummond, Pulborough, Sussex, 1937; Sir Landon Ronald, composer and conductor, London, 1938; William Randolph Hearst, newspaper proprietor, Beverly Hills, California, 1951: Bertolt Brecht, dramatist. Berlin, 1956; Henri Breuil, archaeologist, L'Ile Adam. France, 1961: Jules Romains, novelist, Paris, 1972: Karl Böhm. conductor. Salzburg. 1981; J.B. Priestlev. novelist and dramatist. Stratford-upon-Avon. 1984: Enzo Ferrari, racing car manufacturer, Maranello, Modena,

Service dinner

221 Squadron RAF Mr Joe Crawshaw, Chairman of 221 Squadron RAF Old Comrades Association, received the guests at a reunion dinner held last night in Norwich, Group Captain T.R. Vickers and Wing Commander J. Hoskins were among those present.

Legal appointment Mrs Susan Elizabeth Spencer has been appointed a District Judge on the North Eastern Circuit.



son Richard is about to have an epileptic fit and warns her by whining and looking anxious. Chad, of Erdington, Birmingham, is also a canine blood donor and as a PAT dog he visits hospitals, hospices, schools and residential homes to see people who are unable to care for a pet of their own

Spheres theory may be nonsense

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

ENIGMATIC limestone balls. believed to have encoded the thoughts of early hominids more than a million years ago. may be nothing more than waste products from primitive

The "spheroids", multifaceted lumps of limestone between 5 and 10 centimetres (2-4 in) in diameter and weighing from 250-1000 grams (0.5 - 2.2lb) have been found at Early Palaeolithic sites in both North Africa and the Middle East. One site in Algeria, Ain Hanech, is thought to date between 1.95 and 1.78 million years ago, while specimens from Ubeidiya in Israel are placed between 1.5 and 1 million years ago.

French archaeologists have argued that the balls are the product of a rational manufacturing idea. The inference is a clear and intentional attempt on the part of early hominids to produce the precise threedimensional morphology, following a conscious strategy."

say the Algerian archaeologist Mohamed Sahnouni and his

colleagues, disagreeing.
They have produced replicas of the spheroids by simply removing more and more flakes from limestone cores, until they are so quasi-spherical that no good edges for further flaking remain. The effect is confined to limestone, and is not found with other common ancient toolmaking materials such as flint.

The implications are clear: far from being the product of "mental templates" or "target shapes conceptualised by Homo habilis or Homo erectus, they are simply the by-products of a toolmaking process.

"Reconstructions of early hominid organisational abilities that depend on a priori assumptions about levels of planning and intent may tend to over-interpret the evidence," Dr Sahnouni and his colleagues say in the Journal of Archaeological Science.

Laurence Leslie-Smith, of London SW7, left estate valued at £3,171,998 net.

He left £500,000 to the Weitzman-Institute Foundarion; £50,000 to British On and the balance of his residuary estate to the Jewish Philanthropic Association for listael and the Middle East.

Lady Turing, of West Lavington, Midhurst, West Sussex, left estate valued at £485,514 net.

Lady Aubrey-Fletcher, of Chilton, Aylesbury, Bucking-hamshire, left estate valued at £718,095 net.

Lady Geddes, of London SWI, left estate valued at £1,159,386

Honor Margaret Simpson Smith, of Worsley, Manchester, left estate valued at £505,615 net.

ESGO, Old Hei.

She left E1,000 to lesmond Jackson, the mother of the actor who plays the part of Nicky Platt In Coronation Street; E2,000 to Ann Wilkle Miller, Granada TV Executive; and E2,000 to the Grand Order of Water Raflings. Lady Simmons, of Exeter,

Devon, left estate valued at £1,418,900 net. William Henry Wood, of

Spalding, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £1,414,570 net. He left £250,000 divided between six national charities and the Methodist Church, Gosberton Clough.

Team Victor, Becomiree South

The Rev David Sayle, Assistant Curate, Helston and Wendron (Truro): to be Rector, St Stephen in Brannel (same diocese). The Rev Susan Sharples, Cu-

rate, Worcester South East St Martin's w St Peter (Worcester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Elmley Castle w Bricklehampion and The Combertons (same diocese). The Rev Christopher Spencer,

Assistant Curate: St Helen's. Ore (Chichester): to be Vicar, Deal St George the Martyr (Canterbury).

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Church news The Rev Megan Wylie-Smith, Assistant Curate, West Ham. All Saints (Chehnsford): to be

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Canon Waiter Beasley, Rector, Bulwell St Mary the Virgin and All Souls (Southwell) to retire August 31.
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don. The Charltons and scion (Bath & Wells) to resign August 18 to take up a parish post in Australia.
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Vicar, Tuffley 3t Barnabas
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BIRTHS DEATHS /OODHOUSE - On 6th August to Claire Hundley, wife of Michael Woodhouse, a son, Alexander Charles Hundley. GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CHULZ:WILLE - On 16th August 1947 at St Maribew's, Lehrte, Friedrich Wilhelm and Elfriede, DEATHS AMSTUTZ - Dr. Walter Hermann OBE, on August 6th 1997, Peacefully at home in Mannedorf, Switzerland aged 94 years, Beloved husband of the late Eveline America, much loved father of Yvonne and dear grandfather to Franciska, Happy sud Patrick. The Yunif Punetal Service took place on Tuesday 12th Angust in Ruit, Switzerland A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Promenadengasee 9, Zurich, Switzerland on Thursday 14th August at 4pm.

BRIGHTON - On Sunday 3rd August Dorothy (nee Ewing) of Belmont Castle, Neigle, Perthabire aged 94. Widow of the late Lt. Col. LL. Brighton. Much loved sister and sister-in-law of the late Flora and Sidney Moody and devoted aunt of the late Joan and Jill Moody and of Judy and Victor David. Sorely missed Puneral Service at Belmont Castle Tuesday 12th August.

BENTHAM - Rosle on Sunday
10th August 1997,
peacefully aged 37 years.
She will be sadly missed by
her very large family and
many close friends:
generations of girls will
remember her from her years
of tenching Geography at
Wakefield High School,
Notting Hill, Enling High
School GPDST and
sepacially from 1942-1986
as Co-Director and Principal
of Qusensmount School,
Sounnemouth. She was for
many years a Companion of
the Community of the
Resurrection, Mirfield. A
Requiem Mass will be held
on Monday 18th August at
7.00pm and the Funeral
Service at 12.15pm the
following day at St. Alban's
Church, Charminster Road,
Sounnemorth where she has
been an active member for
50 years, followed by
committal at Bournemouth
Crematorium Recaption for
the family will be held at
Queensmount Nursing
Home, 18 Queens Park West
Drive, Sourcemouth, Family
flowers only please, but if
desired, doustions for a
special fund for St. Alban's
Church, to her memory, may
be sent to Head & Wheble
Funeral Directors, 1A Oxford
Road,
Lansdowns,
Sournemouth. Telephoner
01202 551190.

CASSWELL - Rencatully on 8th Angust at 12 Ridgway Flace, Wimbledon: Irene Ficurey ("Ladye") ags 101, wife of His Honour the late J.D. Casswell QC. Functal: St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, 12 noon Thursday, 21st Angust No florers by her request. Donations, if desired to Guide Dogs for the Blind, 200 High Street, Browley.

CLARK - Kathleen Patricia suddenly at Balcombe Place, West Sussex on Monday August 11th 1997 aged 86. Devoted mother of David and loving friend of his wife Marina and adored by her only grandchild Daniel. Widow of Norman Clark (Beagler) and formerly of Milford-on-Sea and Brockenhurst. Funeral Service at St. Nicholas Church, Brockenhurst, Hungshire on Wednesday, August 20th at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to Diamond 2 Son Funeral Directors. Lynington. Tel:(01590) 672060. CRAXTON - Alisi peacefully in

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CRANTON - Alisi peacefully in
hospital, of cancer on
August 9th 1997. Beloved
with to Michael, dearly loved
mother to Martin, Jane and
Oliver. Funeral 3: Mary's
Church, Church Rond, Hayes,
Middeser 11.45am Tuesday
19th August
DOLMETSCH-WARD - Cocffe.
On 9th August peacefully in
her sleep. Aged 93 years.
Beloved mother of
Christopher, Jocelyn and
Roualind, Will be Sadly
missed by all her family and
many friends, Funeral
Service on Wednesday
August 20th 11.30am at 85.
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mother of Madeisten, Anna
Louise and John Requiem
Mass at St Joseph's R.C.
Church, Branksome, Poole
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12 noon followed by a
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12 noon louring private cremation. Flowers may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Partstone Ecod, Poole.

GREEN - Sqn. Ldv. Arthur Albert (Jimmy) Dir.C., RAF. (rat'd) peacefully in the West Norwich Hospital on Angust 6th 1997 aged 64 years. Treasured father of Elleanne and adored gumpa of Joshua. He was our rock. Funeral Service and creatation will take place on Tuesday August 19th at St. Paiths Creatatorium at 3pm. Flowers to Gordon Barber Funeral Home 317 Aylahum Roosi, Norwich Nici ZAE by 1pm please.

HAMMET LE BRIM - Doctor
Paul Hammet la Rrun, 71 of
the Wilderheas, Bentley and
Malta, Died peacetully in his
sieep on Saturday 9th
August 1997 at Walsall
Manor Hospital after a long
illness. He will be sadly
misted by his family and
friends. The funeral will be
on Monday 18th August at
St. Joseph's Church,
Darleston at 9.30am.
Followed by cremation at
Streetly Crematorium at
11.00am. Floress to the Cooperative Funeral Directors
at 516 Walsall Road, Great
Barr, Sirmingham 842 1EZ.

Mill - Anthony, ARIRA, on 27th July 1997 at his home in Lestherhead fellowing an operation. Belowed husband of Helena and father of Nicholas. The funetal was held at St Mary & St Nicholas Church, Lestherhead on 7th Avgust. Donations in his membry mry be sent to The Leogue of Friends of The Leogue of Friends of The

Living - Charles C. Late of Thorpeness and Loughton, Passed away peacefully on LIVING - Charles C. Late of Thorpeness and Loughton, Passed away peoceality on August 10th at Elstree Lawns Nursing Hone, Elstree, Hertfordehire. Fement will take place at 2.00pm on August 20th at Manor Fark Crematorium, Furest Gate, ET. No Bowers, donations if desired to The Airhebman's Disease Society and all enquiries to Treeves Funeral Services, 52 Shenley Read, Borehamwood. Tel 0181 953 1444

MAROVSKI - On 9th August 1997 pencefully at home, Suphen Akroyd of Ashley, formerly of Beeby aged 78 years. Hesband of Jennifer, father of Sally, Jane and Priscilla and brother of Josephine, Francel Sarrice at St Mary the Viniga, Ashley on Tonskiny 19th August at 2 pm followed by cremation.
Family flowers only,
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Church Further enquiries to
J. Stamp & Sons, Funeral
Directors, Market
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01858 462524.

McCAY - On 12th August at Glasgow Royal Infirmary very peacefully, the Revetend A W McCay, aged 81, "Wilson" or "Michael" to his many theads of all ages at home and overses; much lowed uncle of the Moss family. Funeral on Thursday 21st August at 2.30pm. at St. Saviour's Ruiscopal Church, Lair Street, Rridge et Allan followed by a party for all those attending (Wilson's wish) at Holmhurst, Reidge at Allan Family flowers only, departons it desired to any cameer chalify.

The penerity is no lime tent. The penerity is not to the sur-12th Angust 1997. Much loved and unised by his wife his sud children jacqueline, poliste, jackette and james. Funent service to be held at Puttey Vale Chapel at 11.15car on Wednesday 20th of Angust

MODRE - Cecil, on August 11th, pencarally in Manor House Nursing Home, Stanford Ridge, York, aged 89 years. Beloved inchange of Marjoris, cheriahed father of Mannie and Pagily and adored gazadfather. Funeral Service in York Milaster on Monday August 18th at 2.30 pm. followed by cremation at York 2.30 pm. honations to RMLL, West Quay Ecad, Pools, Dorset ERIS 18EZ.

MELL - "Jock" MEE formosty NCM Royal Horse Guards (The Rhuse) at Heather-wood Hospital on August 10th after a gailant atraggle. Beloved Anaband of Jean, father of lan and Jane. Fanneral at Hody Trinity, Windsor, August 26th at 12.15pm. No flowers. Donations, if devired, to STAFFA of E. Sangent & Sun. 61 St Legant's Evad, Windsor 514 285.

CARESHOTT - Dr. Stephen on 11th Angust 1997 aged 94 years. Seleved Ausband; fusher, genefather and grant genefather. He will be sailly missed by all. Funstal Service at Helly Trinity Church, Swyre. Decision on Thursday 21st August at 12 noon. Dometicus for Help the Aged clo A J Walsay & Sons, 91 East Street, Eridport, Dunter.

Micertificale - Jon Lt. Cdr. on August 12th 1997, peacefully at home after a courageous fight agains: Motor Neumone Disease aged 67 years. Much loved humband of Both father of Jersey, Faul and Guy and grazidisther of Marie-Charlotte, Luke, Timothy and Robert, Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angels, Thursley, Surrey Twentay August 19th at Spm. Pemily Rowers only, donations for Motor Neurone Disease Association may be sent the

PETER - On Friday August Statement of the sendently but peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Anglasid Fendently Revy retired OSS, Fament Service private. Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday August 20th at St Bartholomew's Church, Rogate at 2.50pm. Donations if desired to RNII. Altenguists to Functual Services Peterscheld Limited 01730 262712.

SALE - Col. John Disney CRE. Feacefully after a long illness on August 10th we Sandford Nursing Home. Church Stretton aged 80. Scioved husband of Cooke. Loved father of Christopher, Eichard and Alexandra-Pussus Service at St James Church, Cardington on Tuesday 19th August at 11am. No flowers Donatons to the Light Infantry Benevolent Fund ur to St James Church, Cardington. Putter enquiries to WER. Pugh & Son, teli-01743 344446.

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SEMPSON - Phyllis of Hayley Green, passed away peacefully at Enseitle Hall Hospital; on 12th August 1997 aged 80 years. She will be saffly missed by 34ll family and friends. The Funeral service and branation will take place of Stourbridge Consistorium on Wednesday 20th August at 250pm. For further enguides Call AJ Thinning & Son, 0121 560

USHER - Pictor Howard ORE, ISG, GCSI, died Müddeser ESG, GCSI, died Müddeser Eschalt in George Bospital, London on Angust 12th. Beloved Inshund: or Mina. Lowing father of Moin, Howard and Gennia, and proud grandfather. Requies Mass St. Mary Magdaten's Caurch Athenseum R2. Howars to Leverton & Sons, 1 Denmank Textoc, Fortis Green N2 before 3pm Angust 19th, or donations to Middleser Rospital Special Trustees co 18 Chamctonbury Way, Pinchley N12 71D. Memorial Service to be anxinged.

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Carel Weight, CH, CBE, RA, painter, died yesterday aged 88. He was born on September 10, 1908.

arel Weight was in many ways a quintessentially English artist, a visionary ec-centric in the individualist tradition of William Blake, Stanley Spencer and L. S. Lowry. He had a powerful teling for the fabric of England, and a sharp eye for the quirks of its inhabitants. His vivid observation of the everyday urban scene, his relish for the details of street furniture and façade, led a Times critic to describe him in 1959 as something of a John Betjeman of painting".

Yet the apparent naivery of Weight's art could mislead, as could the parochial banality of the scenes he chose to paint. Through the elaborate distortions and controlled addities of his technique, he found the fantastic within the commonplace, suggesting mysteries, even tragedies, beneath the grimy surfaces of daily life. The realism of his work was Moove all psychological, and what may look like incidents observed or anecdotes recalled num out on closer inspection to be dramas of the mind. Not so much Betjeman, perhaps, as Beckett.

In fact, though Weight rarely strayed from south-west London, his own background was half-German, and he was named after a godfather who was Dutch. He had a profound grasp of the art of other countries and other times. His own best work has a thoroughly un-English intensity both of colour and of emotion, placing it within a broadly expressionist and symbolist tradition that might include such European masters as Dürer, Bosch and Breughel, or Ensor and Munch in more recent times.

Weight's sophistication was not always given the recognition it deserved. He was a dedicated teacher of painting at a time when painting was widely held to be a subject that should not or could not be taught. On the staff of the Royal College of Art from 1947, and Professor of Painting there from 1957, he watched wryly as several of his students won international fame almost on graduation, while he and his fellow teachers:

were dismissed as hopeless reactionaries in thrall to a moribund tradition. He was always open to new ideas, but his belief in the necessity of sound technique, and his insistence that art should be essentially a humanist activity, left him out of sympathy with many of the developments of

the 1960s and 1970s. In the 1980s, however, Weight's reputation rose, as conceptual and abstract art gave way (for a while) to a revival of expressionistic painting. His work changed surprisingly little in the course of his long career, but the change in artistic fashion at last allowed the singularity of his vision and the vigour of its painterly realisation to be appreciated by a new

generation. Carel Victor Moriais Weight was born near Paddington station in London. His mother was of German descent, and worked as a chiropodist and manicurist mainly to the acting profession; his father was an unwilling bank cashier. From the age of a few months up to 18, their son was "put out" during weekdays with a very poor family in a derelict area of Chelsea, and later Fulham. Weight was educated first at the local Board school for poor children and then at the rather rough Sloane Secondary School

Thus Weight's playgrounds as a lonely child were the shabby streets and alleys and the public parks of south-west London, in particular Bishop's Park in Pulham and Battersea Park. These provided the setting for many of his subsequent paintings, against which he pieced his disturbing human psychodramas — act-ed out by a cast of remembered characters of run-down London and lanuary figures called up by the imagination of a knely child. "A fairly lonely childhood is, I think, rather a good thing for an artist," he once said.

The fears and terrors of Weight's early life were added to by two frightening figures in real life his pompous, brutal and bullying grandfa-ther on his father's side, who forbade the child to speak during his monthly visits; and the headmaster of his Board school, a threatener of savage ounishment in such matters as dirty boots or hesitant reading in class.

CAREL WEIGHT



Weight attended Hammer-smith College of Art from 1926 to 1929. Then, after winning a scholarship to the Royal College of Art which he could not afford to take up, he attended Goldsmiths College of Art two days a week, having finally decided to abandon his alternative career of singing - he had a fine baritone voice - on account of the alarming methods of his singing teacher, a large lady with a fondness for piling volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica onto his

stomach during lessons. His first contribution to the

ham College of Art from 1932 to 1942 followed from this. War service from 1942, first in the Royal Armoured Corps, then the Royal Engineers and the Royal Army Educational Corps, was followed by his appointment as an official war artist in 1945-46, documen-ting the war devastation in Italy, Greece and Austria: a recent exhibition at the Impertheir own individual vision." ial War Museum showed the power of the work he did at

Weight joined the staff at the Painting School in the Royal

Professor of Painting in charge of the Painting School, Weight presided over the remarkable flowering of individual talent which took place there over those years - particularly in the Pop Art generation of David Hockney and his contemporaries. "I wanted to create an environment where young artists could develop

Elected an Associate of the Royal Academy in 1955, and a full Academician in 1965, Carel Weight was appointed College of Art — at first to CBE in 1961, and honoured Royal Academy was in 1931. teach still-life painting — in with a full retrospective at the He is Part-time teaching at Becken- 1947. From 1957 to 1973, as Royal Academy in 1982. He Helen.

was appointed a Companion of Honour in 1995.

Confessing that he did not like the art world very much in particular dealers and critics - Weight held exhibitions at private galleries only "when I can't get out of it". He survived and developed artistically by painting about fifty pictures a year, with the annual show at the Royal Academy to keep him in the public eye and provide buyers. He preferred his pictures to go to those who would appreciate them, and was far from greedy

in his pricing. His adoption of a style of slightly awkward naive realism, sometimes loosely brushed and veering towards the surreal and expressionist. disguised his professional skills — revealed in his always memorable portraits, such as the two of Orrovida Pissarro, one of which is in the Tate Gallery.

With unerring penetration. Weight solved a major problem of 20th-century artists: he moved into that vital (but often neglected) artistic realm of psychological, emotional and spiritual realism, where by exaggeration and distortion of physical form, "ordinary" people in an "ordinary" scene are shown pulled, twisted, and swept away by the revealed force of the movement of their minds, the violence of their emotions and the ghosts of their shared past disturbing the calm of their spirit.

Over the years, the increas-ing skill of Weight's tilted figures and zooming perspec-tive compositions added to the impact of his half-stated dramas; and the repertoire of body-language in his figures, particularly of arms and hands, is as wide as most modern or classical choreography or extempore dance. His eye for the colours of the urban scene - particularly the London sooty air and acid soil before the Clean Air Act of 1963 — was vividly precise.

He cut a distinctive figure in public which one of his acquaintances claimed to see as endearingly akin to that Brit-ish mascot. Pooh Bear: a dignified gait; a measured tread; a mild manner; a careful, solemn utterance; an innocent vulnerability of imagination; and a sweet and loveable nature

He is survived by his wife

LIEUT-COLONEL **BILL LITHGOW**

Lieutenant-Colonel W. S. P. (Bill) Lithgow, former Chef d'Equipe and Chairman of Selectors, British Olympic Horse Teams, died on August 8 aged 77. He was born on February 18, 1920.

"COLONEL BILL", as he was known to all age groups, was the sort of man top international sports seek but seldom find. His teams beat the world and his successes represented a golden era in horse sports. His three-day event teams won Olympic Gold in Mexico and Munich plus gold, silver and bronze individual medals. When world championships were introduced in the 1960s he was responsible for six gold medals in team and individual competition plus three silver.

In European events his winnings were even more spectacular — 12 gold and seven silver. One gold was won by Princess Anne when she was European individual champion in 1971. When young rider and junior riders started competing at European level, successes were spectacular. The juniors and the young riders each managed four gold team medals in

Bill Lithgow took his first official job with horses in 1966 when he retired from the Army at the age of 46. His first job was to take over the threeday-event international team, and soon afterwards he became chairman of selectors as well. later taking over the chairmanship of the junior selectors.

At the same time he was national executive officer of the Pony Club, the seed-bed of young riding talent with 36,000 members and more than 300 clubs nationwide. He had ridden in a few events himself as a young army officer without any recorded successes. But in choosing and leading international teams he was superb. He loved horses and revelled in competition.

He was miraculously gifted when it came to selecting horse and rider combinations. Winning the Pony Club Championship at Park in Shropshire always requires a lot of skill but Colonel Bill realised that taking on the world on a horse in Kiev. Sydney or Montreal was something else again.

There were people who said that his selection committee meetings for top events could be a bit of a farce. He would allow fellow selectors all the time they wanted to put their points of view, but he would frame his own pithy conclusion towards the end, normally in a way that brooked no contradiction. On the few occasions when he did not prevail, those who had disagreed with him tended to be proved wrong. But that was something he would never allow to be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

He was a familiar figure on

sleeves, and an aged panama hat that had seen out many summers at Lord's and elsewhere, At major events he was always ice-cool and with time to talk. Competitors at international competitions with a string of gold medals to their credit would want to say "Hello".

The Lithgows came originally from Scotland to live in Oxfordshire. Bill Lithgow's futher. Captain Douglas Lithgow, was in the Royal Dragoon Guards. His two sons rose to take regimental commands: Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Lithgow com-manded the Black Watch, and his brother Bill the King's Troop of the Royal Horse Artillery and later the 10th Hussars before moving into the world of horses.

William Samuel Plenderleath Lithgow went to school at Harrow, then on to Christ Church. Oxford - telling friends on arrival there, and with complete seriousness, that he intended to graduate in cricket and rugby. He never got as far as a Blue: the Second World War intervened and he found himself in the Royal Horse Artillery, fighting in the North African Desent. From there he went to Sicily and then into the Italian campaign, where he caught polio in 1943, leaving him with a slight disability which few people noticed. After a period in an Edinburgh hospital he was posted to India where he met his wife, who was in the Women's Auxiliary Service, and they became engaged. In 1945 he was posted to Japan as part of the occupation force and in command of the Madrasi Battery. His fiance followed and they were married there.

After the war, regular regimental duties were interspersed with several periods of lecturing at Sandhurst. Then in the 1950s came a posting after his own heart, given his love of horses. He was ap-pointed in command of the King's Troop, Roya) Horse Artillery in St John's Wood. He held this post for four and a half years. It was while out hunting with his home pack. the Heythrop, that he was offered a speciacular promotion as commanding officer of the 10th Hussars. The offer came from Brigadier Roscoe Harvey, a man given to the imaginative and unexpected. and one of racing's most colourful characters. Harvey at the time was Honorary Colonel of the 10th Hussars. After the usual War Office boards, interviews and assessments, Lithgow got the job.

For 30 years he was a member of Her Majesty's Body Guard, the Gentlemen at Arms based at St James's Palace, retiring in 1990 on reaching the age limit of 70. Five years later he retired from his last official position in the horse world, the chairmanship of the selectors for junior international teams.

He is survived by his wife Patricia and their son and two

MARGARET FARRER



Margaret Farrer, OBE, midwife, died on July 25 aged 83. She was born on February 23, 1914.

MARGARET FARRER was so well-known in her field that a letter from Canada addressed simply to "Miss Margaret Farrer, Midwife, England" reached her within a matter of days.

She was one of the century's most remarkable and significant figures in midwifery, but her contribution to healthcare spread far beyond its bounds. . For sixty years she was a loyal and enthusiastic member of the Royal College of Midwives, becoming successively chairman, honorary treasurer and a vice-president. She attended 50 consecutive annual general meetings, and spoke with great feeling and

humour at the dinner on her last attendance in 1987. She was born in Rhodesia to

a father who had falsified his age to fight in the Boer War, and who subsequently became a mining engineer in Rhodesia. After returning to run a poultry farm in Cornwall, her parents moved to the home in Dawlish, South Devon, which remained her base for 70 years until her death.

In 1936 she qualified as a nurse and then as a midwife at University College Hospital in London. After work both as a midwife and teaching trainee midwives in London, first at the Royal Northern Hospital and then at the General Lying-In Hospital, she became, at the age of 35, matron of St Mary's Maternity Hospital in

In 1956 she moved to Forest Gate Maternity Hospital, where her leadership as matron and her relationship with the people of the East End were remarkable. She also continued to offer coaching and encouragement to midwifery students, many from

In 1971 she became chief nursing officer of the Thames Group Hospital Management Committee, a new post resulting from the Salmon Report on nursing. In this post she was responsible for nursing and midwifery in 11 hospitals in the East End. She retired from full-time employment in

As her career progressed, she became involved in wider issues of National Health Service management and policy. Between 1963 and 1974 she was a member of the Central Health Services Council, and served on its committees on midwifery and maternity matters. She was also a member of the North East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board from 1969 to 1974, and a member of the North East Thames Regional Health Authority from 1973 to 1976.

Apart from her career posts, her most important official contribution to midwifery was as a member of the Central Midwives Board, the then statutory regulating body. She was a board member from 1952 to 1979, and in 1967 became the deputy chairman. Then in 1973, 71 years after the establishment of the board. she was the first midwife, and the first woman, to become its chairman. In 1970 she was appointed OBE for her services to midwifery.

Margaret Farrer was a

woman of great character with a voice to match. She could be autocratic, she was certainly forthright, and she never diluted her words. She always liked to see things done professionally, and discouraged informality where formality was more appropriate - such as in the conduct of meetings. Privately, she was industri-

International, and active in her local churches both in Dawlish and East London. Over the years, charities and other good causes benefited from hundreds of pounds of marmalade, preserves, pep-permint creams and Turkish Delight for their bring-andbuy sales. The indomitable matron and manager was an infallibly generous woman. With her two sisters, she was also hospitable to the less

fortunate. The house in Dawlish was occupied in the summer by families from the East End of London. Hospital porters, midwives, and others who could not afford to give their children a holiday took possession of the house, to be joined by the three sisters at the weekends.

She was not married, and is survived by one sister.



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IRELAND'S LOSS. ARTHUR GRIFFITH'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Dublin, Aug 13 The Government announces with great sorrow that President Arthur Griffith, who had been ill for a short time past, died this morning at the private hospital, 96 Lower

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Leeson-street, at 10 o'clock." These lines are the formal notification to the Irish people of a very grave and most untimely loss. The news of Mr. Griffith's death was entirely unexpected, and it fell like a thunderbolt yestenday upon a country which the relief of Cork had put into a cheerful and confident mood.

Mr. Griffith had an attack of tonsilitis a formight ago, but it passed away, and no operation was necessary. His friends were most anxious, however, about the strain caused by his relendess devotion to work, and induced him with much difficulty to take a week's rest in a nursing home. He continued to visit his office, and was there on Friday. On Saturday morning he was leaving the nursing home for the Government's headquarters when, on stooping to the his shoe lace, he fell forward in a faint. He recovered, and was put

ON THIS DAY

August 14, 1922 **继四维**

Arthur Griffith (1871-1922), a founder in 1905 of Sinn Fein, was the leader of the Irish delegation which, by four votes to three signed the Treaty on December 6, 1921, establishing the Irish Free State. In the subsequent elections for the presidency of the Dail he defeated de Valera.

to bed, and his wife summoned, but in a few minutes he began to bleed from the mouth and collapsed. Death followed at 10 o'clock. A bulletin signed by Dr. Oliver Gogarty states that Mr. Griffith died of perebral

When the news became known in the city it caused a profound feeling of sorrow, and even of dismay. Flags were lowered to half-mast on many of the principal buildings and on the shipping at the quays. A silence lay upon the streets during the afternoon, and men talked in low tones of this latest item in a long train of national misfortunes. Mr. Griffith's hody was removed this afternoon to the City Hall.

where it will lie in state until Tuesday. The body was escorted by troops of the National Army and by several bands, and large crowds lined the streets. Members of the Government, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and a number of clergymen followed the hearse, and behind them a long procession of citizens

marched four abreast. The Government issued the following statement on Saturday afternoon:

Under the shadow of the great and irreporable loss sustained by the nation by the death of the revered and beloved President of Dail Eireann. Arthur Griffith, the Irish Government places on record its deep sorrow and sense of bereavement and its firm determination to carry on the work of his life to the achievement which he so nearly realised. The nation joins in the grief of his widow and family, and prays that Almighty God may support them in their overwhelming trouble.

Telegrams of sorrow and sympathy are being received from all parts of the world. First among them in time and significance is the following message which Mrs. Griffith received from the King at Bolton Abbey.

I have learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Arthur Griffith, I offer you my profound sympathy. In spite of his untimely death, I pray that Ireland may soon recover the peace and welfare for which he laboured.

NEWS

'Baccalaureats' for sixth formers

■ Sixth formers are to be made to work much harder and to spend more hours in the classroom under the Government's proposed "baccalaureat" system that could be as demanding as studying for five A levels.

The move, aimed at making sure that scientists can write good English and linguists can use computers, comes despite today's further improvement in A-level grades - an advance viewed with suspicion by employers' groups Pages 1, 9, 19

Free eye tests for pensioners

■ Ministers are planning to restore free eye tests and dental checks for Britain's ten million pensioners to offset a scheme to ask better-off elderly people to pay prescription charges. The proposal to bring back free checks, which the Tories abandoned in 1989, would cost up to £50 millionPage 1

Two Britons shot

A huge police manhunt was launched in Israel after a British law graduate was shot dead and his girlfriend seriously wounded in an apparently motiveless pointblank attack...... Page I

11 missing in flood

At least one British hiker is among 11 people missing after a flash flood sent a 10ft wall of water sweeping through Antelope Canyon in Arizona..... Page I

Sign of Ulster hope

The Government hailed Tuesday night's debate between Unionist and Sinn Fein leaders as a sign that the Ulster Unionist Party would attend next month's peacePage 2 negotiations......

Queue jumper

Diana, Princess of Wales introduced her new companion Dodi Fayed to her favourite clairvoyant after "jumping" an 18-month

Royal Court top job The next artistic director of the

Royal Court Theatre in London is to be Ian Rickson, 33, a little known associate director there since 1994.....Page 4

Ronnie Biggs's fate

Ronnie Biggs, who hobbles wearily around his Rio de Janeiro home with a broken knee, looks more like a worn grandad than a crook who took part in the 1963 Great Train Robbery...... Page 5

Asylum seekers

Two hundred asylum-seekers are to have their disability living allowance restored after a High Court victory for two Ugandans with HIVPage 2

Amazing maize maze

A field of maize in Oxfordshire will for the next two months be the improbable setting for what is claimed to be the biggest maze in the world

Rolex raiders An insurer has advised wealthy

clients to wear cheap watches and costume jewellery to discourage "Rolex raider" attacks Page 8 Right-wing links

Clive Derby-Lewis, one of the

convicted right-wing assassins of Chris Hani, the South African Communist leader, cast a spotlight on the links between British right-wingers and the far Right in South Africa Page 13

Atrocity confessions

A group of Japanese Imperial Army ex-servicemen has confessed publicly to wartime atrocities in the hope of counterbalancing moves to sanitise modern Japanese history for the nation's

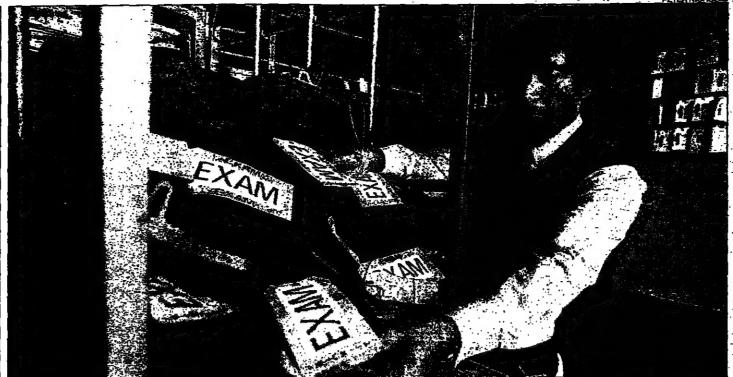
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At midnight tonight India will mark 50 years of freedom and independence, bowing its head in sorrow rather than raising it in

celebration

Heiress's death divides city

The death of an heiress soon after she married a buffaloriding cowboy (she said she longed "for a Christian cowboy to keep her warm at night") has left a Californian city bitterly divided. Margaret Lesher Thorstenson was found dead in her underwear in an Arizona reservoir. Police have ruled her sudden end an accidental death; her family disagreesPage 14



Colin Harvey at the East London mail centre yesterday with bags of A-level results for delivery this morning. Pages 1, 9, 18, 19

BUSINESS

Pensions: A leading group of pension fund advisers has called for an urgent review of all British pension schemes after radical tax changes announced in the Budget .. Page 23

Water: Yorkshire Water has run into fresh controversy for not joining a drought compensation scheme designed to avert the poor service it was criticised for two years agoPage 23

Record: Unemployment fell to its lowest level for 17 years, with fewer students thought be going straight

Markets: The FTSE 100 index fell 72.2 points, to close at 5003.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 101.7 to 100.7 after a rise from \$1.5781 to \$1.5802 but a fall from DM2.9384 to DM2.8962....Page 26

Goff: Colin Montgomerie is approaching the US PGA Championship, his final chance of the year to win his first major, in confident ... Page 40

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Cricket: Essex and Glamorgan will announce by the end of the week whether disciplinary action is to be taken against Mark Ilott and Robert Croft after their altercation on the field.... ... Page 44

Salling: The United States captured the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup, offshore sailing's unofficial world championship, for the first time since 1969 Page 42 Rugby union: Gregor Townsend has rejected a move to Bath and his present club, Northampton, remain optimistic that he may be staying with them Page 40 Not up to Speed: Speed 2 - featur-ing Sandra Bullock and a hijacked cruise ship - is far less good than Speed. Also back in the cinemas this week is Merchant Ivory's Heat and Dust

Maugham revived: At the Chichester Festival, Kathleen Turner stars in - but can do little to pep up -Somerset Maugham's limp period piece, Our Betters Page 32.

Concerto premiered: An all-American Prom featured the premiere of a pleasing new piano concerto by Stephen Montague Page 32 Edinburgh nights: Reviews from the festival include an Aboriginal dance company with a political agenda, a fine play about Indian independence and an epic cycle of

TOMORROW

dry, perhaps mist on coast. Wind light, S to SW. Max 23C (73F).

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Honour among

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antiquities

IN THE TIMES rappers: Caitlin Moran benefiting

EDUCATION Dr Ron McLone, next year's examination boards spokesman, on how A levels must change

High enxlety: Dr Thomas Stuttaford on abusing the spine, hallucinations, new drugs to aid schizophrenics, the dangers of jellyfish for holidaymakers and an impor-'tant test for chlamydia Page 16 Ancient mysteries: How do so many antient artefacts find their way into the auction rooms or great collections? Peter Watson talks to two determined academics who have spent years on the trail of

Looking back Greil Marcus goes back to Elvis Presley's early years, Malcolm Bradbury hails the return of Sani Bellow, Stephen Jay Gould ... Pages 34, 35

Best buys: Join the famous in Tuscany, country cottages at cut prices and hotel discounts Page 36 Cools: Britain's hot summers are sending holidaymakers on a search for cooler climes - and the Scandinavian countries particularly are

The highwater mark has now passed for aid programmes to the former Soviet Union. It makes sense: the crisis has passed. Private foreign investment and home-grown initiatives are increasingly taking over from state-to-state aid

Preview: The Campore Massacres (Channel 4, 9pm) examines 2 bloody incident in the history of British India. Review: Joe Joseph wonders whether revenge is a dish worth serving at all (V is for Vengeance) Pages 42, 43

FIND

Jinnah's legacy

President Leghari's speech on the occasion of Pakistan's fiftieth anniversary is a bleak assessment of a nation that has lost its way and a challenge to a fresh start ... Page 19

Out of the trap

The Government's new policy on financing higher education created an unfair "gap trap". Its change of heart has come in time...... Page 19

When were you born?

Those gifted with the second sight know the great truth at the heart of all horoscopes, the eternal mystery of the timing which governs emergence from the womb - there is one born every minute ___ Page 19

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Some Jews in Britain and the United States have a terrible fear that the nation state itself is more of avadanger than a security for the Jewish people

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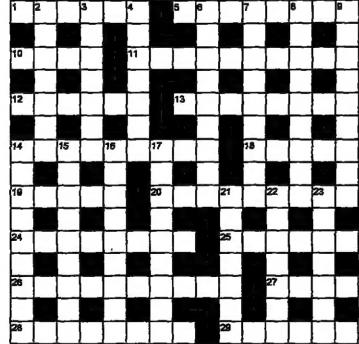
JOHN BRYANT The best-dressed road runners will be wearing something a bit special: this weekend: white jumpsuits; heavy rings on their fingers and perhaps even blue suede training shoes. For this Sunday sees the annual Elvis Presley International five-kilometre road race.... Page (2)

Card Weight, painter, Lieutes Colonel Bill Liftigow, former chairman of selectors, British's Olympic Horse Teams, Margaret Ferrer, midwife....

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- I Talk foolishly of outing in car
- 5 China from Newcastle? (8).
- 10 Established in business (4). 11 Crook has got grit, to stop being a criminal (2.8).
- 12 Soldier taking turn, see, as professional escort (6)
- 13 Spotless keyboard instrument (8). 14 Mere agent organised concert (9). 18 Relaxes, having taken part in
- 19 Two ways to capture damsel's head and heart (5).

quite a session (5).

- 20 He hopes the way he plays will lease partner (9) 24 In his natural habitat, Bedouin,
- say, presents dance (8). 25 Go round through gap (6).
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- 26 In such fantasies, I am oppose illicit groups deposing king (10). 27 Wander round in force (4).
- 28 Given bananas, he will produce packaging for fruit (8). 29 Bet he's a Northerner (6).

DOWN

- 2 Pale right poorly (7). 3 Bunk put low in vessel (7).
- comfortably (7). 6 Unfashionable,
- priate, attire supplied by him (9). Feel anger, changing colour (4-5). 8 Newspaper, say, one singular
- editor ran (9). System of betting is to alter drastically (9).
- 14 Confession from schoolgiri, one kept in by a member of teaching staff (9).
- 15 Bird killed in the air rook, caught by violent creature (9). 16 Found his table's incorrect (9).
- 17 Key city it rises, overlooking a lake (9). 21 Mission shut in vessel's inside (7).
- 22 Hopin' for a remedy (7). 23 Various directions, one repeated, are needed to make trap (7).

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Northern Ireland and western Scotland will start bright, slowly clouding over with showers in western iringes.

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land: Cloudy, showers in NE, becoming drier. Max 24C (75F).

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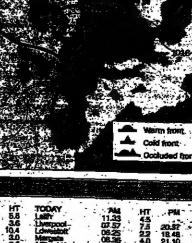
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